

New complaints leveled against South Bend abortion doctor



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There are new complaints against Dr. Ulrich Klopfer, the doctor who ran the Women's Pavilion abortion clinic in South Bend.

The Indiana attorney general's office says they've amended their complaint against Klopfer based on findings in their investigation that warrant additional counts.

The original complaint claimed Klopfer didn't adhere to the informed consent period, which gives a patient at least 18 hours to deliberate between getting info about an abortion and agreeing to the procedure.

Now, the updated complaint alleges Klopfer didn't have properly qualified personnel present when sedatives were given to patients undergoing abortions.

The medical licensing board is currently scheduled to hear the case on March 24.

From the Indiana attorney general's office:

The Indiana Attorney General's Office has filed an amended complaint with the Medical Licensing Board against the medical license of Dr. Ulrich Klopfer based on new findings in its investigation that bolster prior counts and warrant additional counts. More extensive counts of licensing violations have been added surrounding allegations that Dr. Klopfer did not adhere to the legislatively mandated 18-hour informed-consent period, in which a patient is supposed to have time to deliberate after receiving information and counseling about an abortion procedure before consenting to the procedure. The new allegation is that Dr. Klopfer did not have properly qualified personnel present during the administration of medications used in conscious sedation of patients undergoing surgical abortions.

Prior allegations are still listed in the amended complaint, though some have

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been bolstered to include additional patients. These allegations include that the license holder:

- Submitted 2,400 incomplete, inaccurate and late terminated pregnancy reports.
- Failed to submit documentation of abortions performed on at least two 13-year-old girls to the state health department within the required three-day time frame to ensure safety of the patient.
- Had unqualified staff provide the required information and counseling to patients.

A copy of the amended complaint is attached. The Medical Licensing Board is currently scheduled to hear the Attorney General's complaint against Dr. Klopfer at its March 24 meeting, and the AG's Office has requested the Board keep that schedule even with the updated filing. The Board will act as jury and judge in this case determining first whether any licensing violations occurred, and if so, what disciplinary action to impose against the license holder. Disciplinary actions can range from reprimand to license suspension to revocation and fines.

The Attorney General's case against Dr. Klopfer is separate from any criminal charges and from the Indiana State Department of Health's actions against his clinic licenses. The Attorney General's complaint concerns Dr. Klopfer's license to practice medicine in the State of Indiana.

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Medical care (in WHATEVER form) and politics. Nice. Purely political. Will they start a witch hung going after doctors performing circumcisions next?

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Anyone who works in the medical field in any manner knows that paperwork is a bane, but a necessary one. How can you have 2,400 incomplete reports!? How can you look at a 13 year old girl who, no matter the "consent" involved, was raped by legal definition and not report it in a timely manner? If any other style of practitioner, including plastic surgery centers and dentist offices, attempted to put people under anesthesia without someone licensed to do so they would loose their ability to practice.

I can't see why people would defend such gross misconduct by someone who is peddling life-changing decisions to women in their hour of distress. There are no do-overs. All these procedures are permanent.

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This is all about control.

Make plastic surgery and dental clinics adhere to the same standards!

Heck I got my wisdom teeth taken out in some dentist's office in Mishawaka. No one gave me counseling, no one made me wait 18 hours to make sure I really wanted my teeth gone, and no one showed me a video or even told me in detail what was going to happen.

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