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Doctors Split In Testimony On Abortion Bill

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Indiana OB-GYNs Christina Francis (left) and Katherine McHugh (right) testify on a bill mandating providers tell patients that medication-induced abortions can be reversed. (Brandon Smith/IPB News)

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House Committee Hears Abortion Bill

A House committee heard public testimony on [a bill that would require abortion providers to tell patients](#) their medication-induced abortions could be reversible.

Some doctors support that bill, while others call it scientifically unsound.

Indianapolis OB-GYN Dr. Katherine McHugh says there've been no medically recognized studies regarding medication abortion reversals.

"Please do not confuse a medical gamble with vetted, scientific data," McHugh says.

In favor of the bill, Dr. Christina Francis is a Fort Wayne OB-GYN and part of the Abortion Pill Reversal Network, a hotline for women seeking to reverse their medication-induced abortions. She says there have been only 300 successful reversals in 11 years, but says that's because not enough women know about the procedure.

"Women aren't being told that this is an option, and so if they find the network, they are doing it on their own," Francis says.

The committee did not take a vote on the bill.

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More women in Indiana are choosing to abort pregnancies with the so-called "abortion pill," even while the total number of procedures is decreasing in the state.

The vast majority of abortions are done using one of two procedures. So-called "chemical" or "medical" procedures use a pill to abort a fetus at home. "Surgical" abortions, which are also referred to as "suction curettage," use a vacuum-like device to suction out fetal tissue. Both

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A federal judge has struck down portions of Indiana laws that regulate abortion clinics.

In a preliminary ruling, U.S. District Judge Jane Magnus-Stinson writes that part of the law attempting to regulate Planned Parenthood centers that provide non-surgical abortions more strictly than regular doctor's offices who provide the same services violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.

American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana legal director Ken Falk represents Planned Parenthood in the case.

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