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Gladys Estanislao

Survivors of Gladys Delanoche Estanislao, 28-year-old mother of one, alleged that she underwent a [safe, legal](#) aspiration abortion by Alan J. Ross at The Wisconsin Avenue Women's Health Care Center on April 25, 1989.

The family's arbitration claim indicated that "tissue retrieved consisted only of clots and [Ross] drew the conclusion that there had been a missed abortion. He then sent [Gladys] home and prescribed medication instructing her as though the pregnancy had been terminated."

On May 12, Gladys was found unresponsive on the floor of the rest room near her college classroom. A doctor who was in the vicinity performed CPR while awaiting an ambulance. Gladys was taken to a hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival from cardiac arrest due to blood loss from a ruptured ectopic pregnancy.

The fact that the abortion specimen did not contain fetal parts should have indicated that Gladys had an ectopic pregnancy. This condition is routinely treated by competent doctors, saving the lives of the mothers. But Ross missed his diagnosis and allowed Gladys to leave his clinic with her life in danger.

Even though, in theory, women who choose abortion should be less likely to die of ectopic pregnancy complications, experiences shows that they're actually *more* likely to die, due to sloppy practices by abortion practitioners.

(Sources: Health Claims Arbitration Office Claim HCA No. 91-240; Archive of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, July 1993)

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