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Abortion clinics offer “Grief and Burial support”

A Washington State abortion clinic chain advertises that they offer women bereavement resources and services and grief counseling.

What exactly would a woman grieve after having an abortion? Perhaps a baby?



[Cedar River](#) abortion clinics have locations in Seattle, Renton, and Tacoma Washington. According to their [website](#), Cedar River Clinics, is operated by the Feminist Women's Health Center (FWHC), which was founded in Yakima in 1979.

The Renton and [Tacoma](#) centers were added when their physician-owners and the name Cedar River Clinics was adopted. The Renton center was [purchased](#) in 1991 when abortionist Baird Bardarson retired. In 2014, FWHC acquired Aurora Medical Services and opened the Seattle clinic.

The [abortion clinic chain](#) does first and second trimester abortions killing unborn babies that are close to six months gestation.

In a slick marketing scheme, Cedar River offers a variety of compassionate sounding services for women such as:

Private waiting rooms for you and your support network
Individualized sedation plan administered by our Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Assistance with:

- ~Grief support
- ~Genetic testing
- ~Bereavement resources and services
- ~Local lodging and transportation
- ~Billing and funding resources
- ~Funeral and cremation referrals
- ~Memorial tokens, if desired

Fetal Indications

Facing pregnancy complications can be devastating.

If you are seeking therapeutic abortion due to genetic or other fetal anomaly, we are here for you.

At Cedar River Clinics, Genetic Intake Specialists will work with you to develop an individualized plan to best suit you and your family's needs. We provide on-going continuity of care; before, during and after your visit.

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Expert physicians and staff at Cedar River Clinics provide you with the time, attention and special care needed during this difficult time.

In a marketing video the abortion chain uploaded to YouTube they reiterate these "services" adding funeral and cremation referrals.

According to online searches, Philip D Welch MD, Robert Kothenbeutel MD, all work for Cedar River Clinics.

Deborah Oyer MD joined the staff of Cedar River Clinics after they acquired Aurora Medical Services.

Provider ID	Provider Name	License Type	License Status	License Expiration
1000000000	Philip D Welch MD	MD	Active	12/31/2024
1000000000	Robert Kothenbeutel MD	MD	Active	12/31/2024
1000000000	Deborah Oyer MD	MD	Active	12/31/2024

According to the Washington Medical Board- Philip Welch has an enforcement action on file for the treatment of a patient referred to him by Planned Parenthood.

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the License to Practice
as a Physician and Surgeon of:

PHILIP D. WELCH, MD
License No. MD00018862

No. M2012-1260

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS
AND SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

Respondent

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The Disciplinary Manager of the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Commission), on designation by the Commission, makes the allegations below, which are supported by evidence contained in program file number 2012-6387. The patient referred to in this Statement of Allegations and Summary of Evidence is identified in the attached Confidential Schedule.

1. ALLEGATIONS

1.1 On January 8, 1981, the state of Washington issued Respondent a license to practice as a physician and surgeon. Respondent's license is currently active. Respondent is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology.

1.2 On June 18, 2012, Patient A, a 44 year old female, was referred to Respondent by Planned Parenthood for fibroids and heavy bleeding during menses and during and after intercourse. Respondent examined Patient A, including a pelvic examination, reviewed ultrasound results provided by Planned Parenthood, and diagnosed Patient A with fibroids and menometrorrhagia (prolonged or excessive uterine bleeding). Respondent discussed treatment options with Patient A, including fibroid observation, cryocautery of the cervix and observation, and hysterectomy. The patient elected to have a hysterectomy and Respondent took Patient A to surgery that day and performed a subtotal hysterectomy.

1.3 Respondent did not obtain a pap smear, and relied upon Patient A's recollection that pap smear cultures were negative. Also undetermined by Respondent was that Patient A apparently had an abnormal pap smear approximately ten years earlier. The pathology report regarding the uterus and cervix indicated that Patient A had cervical cancer and that the tumor was transected during the hysterectomy. In Respondent's

In addition to Cedar River, other abortion clinics have offered cremation and burial services.

Late term abortionist Warren Hern offers women, "*The woman and her family may request special procedures such as special religious ceremonies, genetic studies, formal autopsy, private cremation, or private burial. We can arrange for any or all of these special procedures upon request.*"

In past blogs, I have written about funeral homes arriving at an abortion clinic ([here](#)).

Affiliated Medical Services abortion clinic in Michigan has this testimonial on their [website](#), "*I had a fatal fetal anomaly. It was a planned pregnancy and I was devastated when I had to interrupt it. The clinic coordinator took my hand, gave me a hug and made all the arrangements for Baptism and burial services. She made an extremely devastating decision so much easier to accept and feel good about. Thank you!*"



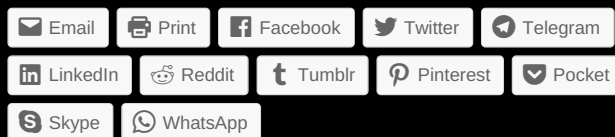
Late term abortionist George Tiller, who was gunned down and killed years ago, would cremate the babies he aborted inside his facility.

While Florida later term abortion owner, James Pendergraft **encourages** the women who come to him to see the aborted baby, *"At the Women's Centers we are prepared to aid patients and their families in getting through the entire process with our **compassionate and caring staff**, supporting them from the beginning to the end of the termination procedure. Each patient goes through the procedure process differently. **We encourage all patients to at least see the baby minimally as we believe that this is the best way to bring closure for families.** We are also prepared to help families have a memory of **their child such as having a handprint or a footprint. Some patients want the baby to be cremated and others want a burial** to take place.*

For the past 14 years, we have helped hundreds of families cope with similar circumstances. We provide the safest methods for ending pregnancies."

Of course, he fails to tell these unsuspecting women how many times the state has gone after his medical license or closed his abortion facility, but that's another story for another day.

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