



# H'burg Doctor Targeted by Abortion Protesters Quits

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A Hattiesburg doctor accused of performing abortions in Mobile has resigned from his clinic, as well as his privileges to practice at Hattiesburg's two hospitals.

Dr. Donald Whitaker, an OB/GYN doctor at Tower Pavilion for Women, submitted a letter of resignation to his partners, effective Jan. 13. In addition, officials at Wesley Medical Center and Forrest General Hospital say they've also received letters from Whitaker, resigning his privileges at the two facilities effective immediately.

Abortion protestors from Alabama and Florida picketed in front of Tower Pavilion last week, claiming Whitaker traveled to Mobile once a week to perform abortions at the Planned Parenthood center.

In a statement released by email, Tower Pavilion says physicians will continue to care and treat all patients of the clinic, and they stand by their earlier statement:

"Elective pregnancy termination procedures are neither approved nor condoned by Tower Pavilion. Elective pregnancy termination procedures have never been conducted at Tower Pavilion or as part of its medical practice."



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