



HUMAN CAPITAL project
Fact Sheet: Key Terms

Affiliate - a regional franchise of Planned Parenthood clinics, organized as its own corporation

Calvarium - clinical abortion term for the head of the fetus

CAPS - Planned Parenthood Consortium of Abortion Providers, oversees PP affiliate abortion practice

Case - clinical term for a single abortion patient/procedure

D&E - Dilation and Evacuation, an abortion method where the cervix is dilated and the fetus is extracted with forceps and typically dismembered in the process

Digoxin - A chemical used to kill the fetus prior to an abortion

Feticide - Any chemical used to induce fetal demise before an abortion

Induction - 2nd trimester abortion method where the fetus is expelled through induced labor

IPAS - Manual Vacuum Aspirator used for 1st trimester suction abortions, named after manufacturer

LAMS - Laminaria are thin sticks of seaweed used to mechanically dilate the cervix before an abortion

Misoprostol - Synthetic prostaglandin used off label for cervical dilation in abortion procedures

NAF - National Abortion Federation, the largest trade group of abortion providers with extensive Planned Parenthood crossover

Partial-Birth Abortion - An illegal abortion method where the fetus is converted to breech position and extracted alive, also called intact dilation and extraction (IDX)

Path Lab - Pathological Laboratory in the back of an abortion clinic, where fetuses are processed after the abortion.

P.O.C. - Product of Conception, what abortion clinics call the fetus

PPFA - Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the largest abortion provider in the U.S.

Procurement - The acquisition of organs and tissues from aborted fetuses

Specimen - An individual organ or tissue sample, like a liver or a brain, procured from an aborted fetus

Technician - Worker who dissects fetuses after an abortion to procure specimens

Volume - The number of abortion cases a provider handles at any given time