Abortion safety does not differ between ASCs and clinics

More than 50,000 abortions provided in ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) and clinics from a private insurance database were analyzed.

96.7% of patients in ASCs and in clinics had no complications after their abortion, and only 0.3% of patients in ASCs and clinics had a major complication.

Abortions provided in ASCs are not safer than abortions provided in clinics. There was also no difference in complication rates for first trimester aspiration abortion or second trimester abortions between ASCs and clinics.

Abortion is safe. Laws that require that abortions be provided in ASCs are not based in scientific evidence and do not protect patient safety.

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