

Who we are

Northern Illinois Women's Center is a physician-owned freestanding outpatient family planning clinic offering a wide range of reproductive health information and services in a comfortable, supportive and secure environment.

The clinic was founded in 1973 by Dr. Richard Ragsdale, a board-certified Obstetrician/ Gynecologist who devoted his professional career to providing quality medical care to the women of Rockford and the rest of Northern Illinois. Despite unconscionable harassment, his unwavering commitment to his patients' health and right to reproductive choice continued unabated from the day he opened the clinic until his untimely death from cancer in 2004.

Since then, the clinic has been directed by Dr. Dennis Christensen, a board-certified OB/ GYN from Madison, WI and long time friend and colleague of Dr. Ragsdale.

The clinic is staffed by a diverse group of health care providers from a wide variety of backgrounds. Every one is fiercely pro-choice and dedicated to providing compassionate, professional care in an emotionally and physically safe setting.

We are here for you. Our goal is to help you obtain whatever information or service is necessary for you to exercise the reproductive choice you believe is right for you, taking into account all of your individual circumstances. If we can not provide the services you desire, we will try to help you find someone who can.

Surgical Abortion

Surgical abortions from 6-18 menstrual weeks gestation are performed by suction D&C under local anaesthesia. The actual procedure usually lasts less than 10 minutes, but the entire visit lasts up to 4 hours for lab, counseling, abortion and recovery. We encourage patients to bring a support person along, but it is not required, nor is a post counseling waiting period or parental or spousal consent.

Most patients experience cramping "like bad menstrual cramps" during the suctioning, but usually feel good enough to leave the clinic after about 30 minutes in recovery.

Medical Abortion

Non-surgical abortion, using medication to induce a miscarriage, is available for women within 56 days from the first day of their last menstrual period.

This option requires 2 clinic visits, the initial visit and the follow-up visit, to insure that the abortion is successful. Patients must agree to undergo a suction D&C if the medicine does not work (5%) since severe fetal abnormalities might occur if the pregnancy continues.

Follow-up Exam

All patients are encouraged to have a follow-up exam 2 to 3 weeks after the abortion to ensure procedure completeness, lack of complication, and adequate contraception. Patients without a personal physician can be seen at the clinic by appointment.

Fees

Surgical Abortion:

to 12 weeks	\$500.00
13 to 14 weeks	\$625.00
15 to 16 weeks	\$775.00
17 to 18 weeks	\$925.00

Medical Abortion:

to 8 weeks only	\$600.00
Anti-Immune Globulin for Rh negative women to 12 weeks	\$ 50.00
for over 12 weeks	\$100.00

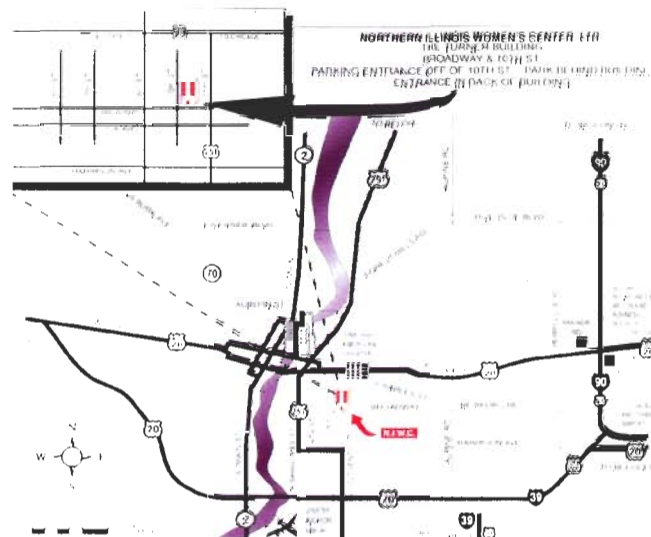
Ultra Sound	\$ 75.00
Post Abortion Exam	\$ 40.00
Depo Provera	\$ 85.00
Madison Referral	\$100.00
Morning after pill Rx	\$ 25.00

Se habla español. Cuando hablan para informacion o para hacer una cita, se puede hacer en español.

Policies

- Appointments are required and can be made by calling 815-963-4101 Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Spanish is spoken.
- No 24 hour wait.
- No parental or spouse consent is required.
- Strict confidentiality is maintained regarding appointments and records. Information can only be released upon written patient request.
- Payment is due at the time of service in the form of cash, money order or credit card.
- No personal checks.

Directions



Northern Illinois Women's Center is located in Rockford, Illinois at the corner of Broadway and 10th Street. The clinic is in a large, two story building of brick and limestone. The parking lot is located on 10th Street and is for the private use of the clinic. Commonly there are people on the corner or the sidewalk protesting. Ignore them. Do not stop. They can not follow you into the parking lot or come into the building. If you have a problem or can't find us, call (815) 963-4101



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