

Pro-Life Group Pressures Ohio Gov. After Reported Botched Abortion

In the wake of what observers are saying could be an abortion injury at Women's Med Center in Sharonville, Ohio, on Wednesday, medical workers rushed a patient to the hospital via ambulance, according to Cincinnati Right to Life.

"Paramedics with ambulance and police were called to Haskell's Abortion Clinic in Sharonville and this was witnessed by many. A young woman was seen being carried out on a stretcher by paramedics who were bagging the woman [giving life support]," says Dr. Steven Brinn, whose office is directly next door to Haskell's abortion clinic.

"It is assumed that the woman suffered some kind of complication in the clinic while she was there for treatment. Police were also at the scene and closed down the clinic for a time. The medical community is aware of other documented emergency calls at various Haskell clinics over the years. There has been concern that perhaps medical care delivered to some of these women is unsafe."

Haskell has no hospital privileges, but received a variance from the state to continue operations when two local physicians offered to provide emergency hospital care for his injured patients.

One of those physicians, William T. Bowers II, was declared negligent by the state of Kentucky in January 2011, and was ordered to cease the practice of obstetrics after the gross mismanagement of a wanted pregnancy resulted in a dead child. Bowers settled a claim with the parents for \$250,000, according to Operation Rescue, and Ohio reprimanded Bowers in October of last year and placed him on two years probation. He

is under criminal investigation by the attorney general's office in Indiana.

"We are deeply concerned that women injured at Haskell's Sharonville abortion mill are being placed in double jeopardy," says Troy Newman, president of Operation Rescue and Pro-Life Nation. "The care they receive from Haskell's associates at the hospital may not be any better than what they were subjected to at the abortion mill."

In light of Wednesday's events, Operation Rescue is asking Gov. John Kasich to step in and "put an end to Haskell's dangerous abortion business." Ohio laws prevent the operation of abortionists without hospital privileges, and Newman says it is time that the variance is revoked and Haskell is held to the same safety standards as other physicians.

"Pro-life groups like Cincinnati Right to Life and ours have long complained about the dangers of Haskell's dubious emergency arrangements," Newman says. "We hope that a woman will not have to die before Ohio enforces their laws and puts Haskell out of business."