

‘D & E’ late-term abortion at EMW re: U of L and Abortion



In these late-term abortions, the unborn child is literally torn apart limb from limb . . . the child can feel pain and no anesthetic is given.

Dr. Tanya E. Franklin and Dr. Ashlee Bergin joined EMW abortion clinic with sworn testimony in its effort to overturn the 2018 General Assembly’s *Ban on Dismemberment Abortion – House Bill 454*. Dr. Franklin and Dr. Bergin are both Professors at the U of L School of Medicine and together they do ALL of the surgical abortions at EMW, including ALL D & E abortions. Below is an excerpt of Dr. Franklin’s testimony.

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Q. All right. And what you do is go insert this instrument in the vagina after the cervix has been dilated, as you testified earlier; correct?

A. ***It goes into the vagina, into the cervix, and then into the uterus.***

Q. All right. And whatever you can grasp of the fetus, you grasp and pull out; correct?

A. ***Yes, through the cervix.***

Q. And that may be a foot. It may be an arm; correct?

A. ***It may be any fetal part.***

Q. It may be an intestine?

A. ***Yes.***

Q. It may be other organs of that child?

A. ***Yes.***

Q. And that is done while that child — or that fetus’s heart is still beating?

A. ***The procedure is done while the — there is cardiac activity.***

Q. All right. And that means that the heart is beating; right?

A. ***Yes.***

Q. All right. And at that point in time, the fetus begins to bleed, does it not?

A. ***Yes.***

Q. And, in essence, as it’s having its arms, legs, intestines, other body organs dismembered from the fetus, it in essence bleeds to death and decomposes; right?

A. ***It doesn’t decompose, but as I’m extracting fetal tissue, yes, I’m – to be able to complete the procedure safely and efficiently to avoid complications, I do have to grasp tissue and what comes through I have to try to move quickly and move forward to complete the process.***

It is illegal to tear an animal apart in this way.