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The Effect of Faith-Based Hospitals on Women's Health Care

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Catholic hospitals account for about 70% of all religious hospitals in the U.S.



Catholic hospitals treat 1/6 of acute care patients.

10 out of 25 of the largest health systems are Catholic.

Catholic hospitals restrict common reproductive health services.



- tubal-ligation
- vasectomy
- birth control
- infertility treatment

These services are important to peoples lives.

In fact,

1 in 10 births

is followed by a tubal-ligation.

Catholic health institutions are governed under the *Ethical and Religious Directives For Healthcare Services*. They state "Catholic health institutions must not promote or condone contraceptive practices" and abortion is never permitted.

Abortions are prohibited in Catholic hospitals, even for the treatment of miscarriage.

Miscarriage is an extremely common experience:



of reproductive age will experience a miscarriage.

Under Directive #47, Doctors are allowed to provide miscarriage treatment **after** the woman has become sick.

