



VOLUNTARY INTERRUPTION OF PREGNANCY (IVG)

In Italy, with the law 194/78, it is possible to interrupt pregnancy voluntarily, within the first 90 days of gestation. Only in special cases (such as: severe risk for the mother or malformation of the foetus), Voluntary Interruption (IVG) may be carried out after 90 days from the beginning of pregnancy.

For women who intend to have an abortion, the ASL Napoli 2 Nord has defined an integrated path between clinics and hospitals that have joined the Protocol.

The woman will be taken into charge, according to the Protocol described below, also to evaluate eventual and possible alternatives to abortion.

It is necessary to schedule an IVG through a medical certificate that can be released only by the Gynaecologist who performed the first Medical Counselling to the pregnant woman and after having carried out all the health checks required by the Protocol.

HEALTH CARE PATHS FOR ABORTION

- ✓ **Women who intend to have a voluntary interruption of pregnancy (IVG)**, can contact the Family Counselling Centre (CF – Consultorio Familiare) of their health care district of residence, where they will be accepted to assess and evaluate the reasons for their choice and consider all possible solutions as an alternative to IVG (such as support of third sector associations, labour in anonymity and other possible measures.)
- ✓ The Gynaecologist of the CF, performs health assessments (gestational age, general condition of the pregnant woman). The next appointment, to release any certification for the intervention of IVG, is given after seven days, as provided by the law 194/78;
- ✓ After seven days the case will be re-evaluated and the pregnant woman will be accompanied in her decisions:



- During medical assessment, if the pregnant woman should recede from her decision to carry out abortion, if needed, she will be taken into care for assistance during pregnancy, childbirth and post partum. She may receive the support of a social worker of the CF who will activate the network of contacts with associations or shelters that can support the mother in her choices.
- In the case of confirmation of the IVG, the Gynaecologist of the CF will release a certificate confirming pregnancy to the woman and confirm that the abortion requested can be carried out and scheduled in one of the following Hospitals:

The P.O. Santa Maria delle Grazie di Pozzuoli

Referent: **dr. Tiberio Sauro** n° tel. 081 8552329/2347

Il P.O. San Giovanni di Dio di Frattamaggiore

Referent **dr. Antonio Esposito** n° tel. 081 8891225

Il P.O. San Giuliano di Giugliano

Referent **dr. Giuseppe Ciccarelli** n° tel. : 081 8955268

- ✓ **At the hospital** she will be taken into care by medical staff for an anamnesis and all health and clinical examinations required. In the same Hospital she will be notified on the date for the abortion that will be carried out in **Day Hospital**.
- ✓ Involved medical staff for the Protocol path: 1 Gynaecologist, 1 Midwife, 1 Nurse, 1 Cultural Mediator (when necessary).
- ✓ Immediately after surgery, the woman will be invited to return to the CF for reference both for **prevention** of further recourse to abortion and for eventual psychological support, and finally to promote responsible and conscious motherhood (contraception).

Important

If abortion is requested for a woman under the age of 18, the consent of both parents or of a legal guardian is required. However, when for various reasons this is not possible, the authorization is given by a Judge, after a short path of counselling, assessment and reporting, carried out by a Gynaecologist, Psychologist and Social Worker in the Family Counselling Centre of residence of the user.

Normative reference - Law 194 of 1978

