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Delaware Planned Parenthood halts abortions while under investigation

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Abortions have been suspended at a Delaware Planned Parenthood, after several 911 calls made from within the clinic prompted a new investigation by Health and Human Services.

Jayne Mitchell-Werbrich and Joyce Vasikonis, who both quit their jobs as nurses at the facility, spoke to Action News about the unsafe and unsanitary conditions they experienced while working in the facility.

"I couldn't tell you how ridiculously unsafe it was," Ms. Mitchell-Werbrich said.

"He didn't wear gloves. He didn't believe he needed to wear them," she added about a particular doctor. "Planned Parenthood needs to close its doors, it's needs to be cleaned up, the staff needs to be trained."

Both of the women said they quit in order to protect their medical licenses.

Ms. Vasikonis told Action News she was appalled by the meat-market like abortion procedures.

"They were using instruments on patients that were not sterile," she said. "They could be at risk of getting hepatitis, even AIDS."

Abortion clinics are not subject to routine inspections in Delaware, Action News reports. Planned Parenthood is essentially in charge of inspecting itself.

"I am not going to lie to you, we don't have the manpower to do routine inspections," Mary Peterson from the Delaware Department of Health and Human Services said.

She told the station her investigators went into the facility in October of last year after a complaint, but didn't find anything.

Since Jan. 4, five patients have been rushed to the emergency room, Action News reports. The station reports that abortions are currently being suspended at the facility until further notice.

