

Female 1: Southwestern Women's Options. This is Sue.

Female 2: Hi. I'm wondering if I can schedule an appointment.

Female 1: Okay, for an abortion procedure?

Female 2: Yes, ma'am.

Female 1: Have you had an ultrasound done?

Female 2: Actually yes, last week.

Female 1: Mm-hmm. And when you had the ultrasound done how far in the pregnancy were you told that you are?

Female 2: I was 25 weeks.

Female 1: This is a three- to four-day process in our clinic that we start on Tuesday. We always start on a Tuesday. So you'd be coming into the clinic Tuesday through Friday for everything to take place. Usually you're fine to travel home on Friday. Right now if you were able to get here for next week to start on Tuesday, on the 13th, I would want to prepare you for a fee of \$8,500.00.

Female 2: Ugh, okay.

Female 1: Let me give you a little more information about what this process is. When I talk about that it's a three- to four-day process, this is a process here in our clinic of labor and delivery. So you actually would be delivering what would be a stillborn here in our office, okay, with where you are in pregnancy. What our doctor would do on the first day, on Tuesday, is she will use a medication that will euthanize the fetus, so it will stop the fetal heart on that first day. Okay?

Female 2: Will I go into labor?

Female 1: You will go into labor – well, labor's going to be induced here in the clinic, usually one to two days later. The doctor will use a substance which is called laminaria. She'll place that in the cervix, stays in the cervix overnight, and will very gradually begin to open up and dilate your cervix overnight. So you'll probably have cramping and discomfort overnight while the cervix is dilating. We do want you to stay close by, within a very short drive, so if your body does go into labor – and that can happen if the cervix, you know, dilates and your body may go into labor. Then you call us.

That's what you do. So you'll return Wednesday morning and the doctor will remove the laminaria from the day before and check the cervix and see if the cervix has dilated really well overnight. She may decide to induce labor on Wednesday if she feels that the cervix is not very well dilated yet or you're not – it's not ready for labor to be induced. Then she may on Wednesday place more laminaria in the cervix, send you back to the hotel, and the cervix will dilate further for that second night. And then when you come in – you know, if she sends you back home on Wednesday, then when you come in Thursday morning, most likely labor would be induced that day. So you'd be delivering either Wednesday or Thursday here in the clinic, and that can take several hours. It could take all day long – not that you would be in labor all day long, but you may be in the clinic for several hours or all day long as you're – you know, with medications to bring on labor and bring on uterine contractions.

Female 2: Oh, so then I would just stay there? And then I would deliver there? I mean –

Female 1: Yes, mm-hmm.

Female 2: So how –

Female 1: You deliver here in the clinic.

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