

**§ 90-21.82A. Suitable facilities for the performance of surgical abortions.**

- (a) The following definitions apply in this section:
  - (1) Abortion clinic. – As defined in G.S. 131E-153.1.
  - (2) Ambulatory surgical facility. – As defined in G.S. 131E-176.
  - (3) Hospital. – As defined in G.S. 131E-176.
- (b) During the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, a physician licensed to practice medicine under this Chapter may perform a surgical abortion in a hospital, an ambulatory surgical facility, or an abortion clinic; provided, however, that (i) the clinic has been licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services to be a suitable facility for the performance of abortions and (ii) the licensed physician performs the abortion in accordance with this Article and Article 1K of this Chapter.
- (c) After the twelfth week of pregnancy, a physician licensed to practice medicine under this Chapter may not perform a surgical abortion as permitted under North Carolina law in any facility other than a hospital. (2023-14, s. 2.1.)