



Ohio Revised Code

Section 2919.19 Definitions for ORC sections 2919.191 to 2919.1910.

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As used in this section and sections 2919.191 to 2919.193 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Fetal heartbeat" means cardiac activity or the steady and repetitive rhythmic contraction of the fetal heart within the gestational sac.

(B) "Fetus" means the human offspring developing during pregnancy from the moment of conception and includes the embryonic stage of development.

(C) "Gestational age" means the age of an unborn human individual as calculated from the first day of the last menstrual period of a pregnant woman.

(D) "Gestational sac" means the structure that comprises the extraembryonic membranes that envelop the fetus and that is typically visible by ultrasound after the fourth week of pregnancy.

(E) "Medical emergency" has the same meaning as in section 2919.16 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Physician" has the same meaning as in section 2305.113 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Pregnancy" means the human female reproductive condition that begins with fertilization, when the woman is carrying the developing human offspring, and that is calculated from the first day of the last menstrual period of the woman.

(H) "Serious risk of the substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function" has the same meaning as in section 2919.16 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Standard medical practice" means the degree of skill, care, and diligence that a physician of the same medical specialty would employ in like circumstances. As applied to the method used to determine the presence of a fetal heartbeat for purposes of section 2919.191 of the Revised Code,



"standard medical practice" includes employing the appropriate means of detection depending on the estimated gestational age of the fetus and the condition of the woman and her pregnancy.

(J) "Unborn human individual" means an individual organism of the species homo sapiens from fertilization until live birth.
