

NM abortion complaint highlights privacy concerns

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(AP)—The New Mexico Medical Board is set to rule today on whether to discipline one of the few doctors in this country that openly performs late-term abortions.

The case involves a New York mother who sought an abortion from Dr. Shelley Sella in Albuquerque after she found out her nearly 9-month-old [fetus](#) had severe [brain abnormalities](#). There were complications and the 26-year-old woman was rushed to the hospital with a ruptured uterus.

Two years later, the intimate details of her medical treatment, her mental state, her hometown and religion were made public as part of a state medical board probe initiated by anti-abortion activists.

It's a case that highlights Operation Rescue's aggressive attempts to halt abortions and raises questions about whether the tactics are an invasion of [patient privacy](#).

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