

# CA probes hospital deal that led to abortion ban

June 28 2013

---

(AP)—California's top prosecutor is investigating an agreement between an Orange County hospital and Catholic operators that banned elective abortions.

The attorney general's office announced Thursday that it was looking at the agreement involving Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian of Newport Beach.

Hoag started banning elective abortions this year after reaching an agreement to affiliate with St. Joseph Health.

Attorney General Kamala D. Harris approved the agreement and permitted the [hospital](#) to discontinue elective abortions—but only if alternative providers were available.

Dr. Lisa Abaid, a specialist at Hoag, tells the Orange County Register the attorney general's office recently asked her about the ban's impact on patients.

Hoag says it's cooperating in the probe.

© 2013 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Citation: CA probes hospital deal that led to abortion ban (2013, June 28) retrieved 6 May 2024 from <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2013-06-ca-probes-hospital-abortion.html>

---

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.