



Christian Voices for Life
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What is Fetal “Heart Motion” ?



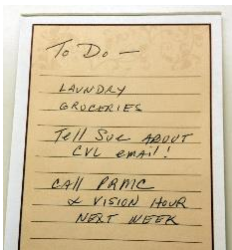
Education: Words can be powerful – and very misleading. Rebekah went to Planned Parenthood, but was still unsure of her decision. She asked if her baby had a heartbeat. She was told “it is too early to tell, so, no, not yet and therefore we don’t know if this pregnancy is viable.” Her ultrasound showed her to be 6 weeks and 5 days along. (1) An article in *Ultrasonography* magazine states “The fetal heart rate gradually increases with gestational age from approximately 110 beats per minute (bpm) at 6.2 weeks ...”. (2) [6.2 weeks gestational age is about 4.2 weeks after fertilization.] What is going on? A deliberately misleading

statement implies that her baby’s heart had not yet started to beat, which was enough to encourage Rebekah to have a chemical abortion. Years later she saw her medical record from the facility stating that “cardiac motion was detected”. Most medical textbooks and websites (including the Mayo Clinic (3)) refer to the fetal heart and “heartbeat” in the developing embryo, as it begins to circulate blood about 22 days after fertilization. But abortion advocates are now saying that this early “cardiac motion” is not a heartbeat but a “flickering” in the tissue that “will become the heart”. (3)

1. <https://www.heartbeatservices.org/component/k2/item/2085-the-many-ways-abortion-providers-deceive-women-1-fetal-heartbeat-and-fetal-heart-motion>
2. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7065984/>
3. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/pregnancy-week-by-week/multimedia/fetal-ultrasound/sls-20076294?s=3>
4. <https://www.livescience.com/65501-fetal-heartbeat-at-6-weeks-explained.html>



Prayer: Please, Lord, help all women and their partners who are tempted by abortion to discover the facts that illustrate that their baby is already a living human being, not just some tissue that is not yet really alive. Help them to understand that we all began our lives at fertilization and continued to develop from there. Help everyone to be aware of the deliberate deception happening in abortion facilities in order to sell abortions. Give parents in difficult circumstances hope that support is available from people who care about them and their child. Help each of us, as pro-life individuals, be willing to do whatever you are calling us to do to build a culture that respects the sanctity of human life.



Action: Tell your friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers how frustrated you are that abortion facilities are deliberately misleading women in order to sell abortions. They talk about “choice” but do not allow women who come to them to be able to make a truly informed choice. They mislead their clients about the development of the child, and unless compelled by law do not allow the mother to even see the ultrasound. Even when the woman does see the ultrasound, one case is

known where a client was told that the baby was a vague image very unlike what she was later shown at a pregnancy center ultrasound. They certainly tell them nothing about the help that is available at pregnancy centers to help them cope with whatever problems the pregnancy may bring.