

SCAN: Southwest Contraception Access Network



Increasing access for abortion patients seeking contraceptive care

As abortion clinics in refuge states continue to see an increase in patients from restrictive states, many patients may inquire about contraceptive methods as part of their ongoing care. To help decrease barriers for patients seeking contraception in New Mexico and surrounding states, Albuquerque-based clinical staff created SCAN, the Southwest Contraceptive Access Network. Supported by the University of California, San Francisco, SCAN aims to strengthen contraceptive services for out-of-state abortion seekers and support clinic staff in their workload by identifying methods and resources to streamline contraceptive provision.

Are you an abortion clinic serving patients traveling from restricted states?

Here's what SCAN can do for you.

Training

We provide up-to-date, evidenced-based, and comprehensive contraceptive training for abortion care workers, including clinicians, counselors, nurses, support staff, and administrators.

- In-person and virtual options available
- Customized needs assessments for more effective, relevant trainings

Technical Assistance

We offer technical assistance to support access to a full range of contraceptive methods, including:

- Patient education guides for all contraceptive methods
- List of clinics where patients can access contraceptive and reproductive health care in restrictive states
- Guidance to improve the contraceptive clinic flow process
- Support and enhance the connection of abortion clinics, patients, and funds with affordable contraception through online pharmacies, group purchasing organizations, and discounted pharmaceutical companies



Aine, Southwestern Women's Options Clinic Manager, and Jen Robinson, SCAN Clinical Trainer

"There's been a noticeable uptick in contraceptive choice since [the] training—staff feel more confident providing counseling that meets patients where they are, and patients are selecting contraceptive methods that best meet their individual needs. The time and energy ... put into developing one-on-one and group training has allowed us to expand our contraceptive offerings and provide better, more individualized care for our patients."

-Allison, Medical Director, Southwestern Women's Options, Albuquerque

Interested in working with us?

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