

The problems of demographic situation in Latvia

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Natural population growth in Latvia is one of the lowest in the world, namely - 5,0. As a consequence of the socioeconomic crisis of the transition period, the state faces the demographic crisis as well; the death rate exceeds the birth rate. A high rate of abortions is observed. The prohibition of abortions as a way to diminish the cases of abortions will not help to improve the demographic situation in the state it will cause more illegal abortions with increasing mother death rate. On the 4th of March, 1995 Latvian Contraceptology Association (LCA) was founded. The goal of foundation and activities of LCA are aimed at improvement of the demographic situation in Latvia. The objectives of LCA are prevention of destroying of new lives and nations, protection of family, child and woman's health, and popularization and improvement of contraception in order to diminish cases of unwanted pregnancy and abortions. As a result of informing and educating society about the contraception the birth rate in Latvia a little increase (20.248 people was born, 32.206 people died). A high rate of abortions is observed even now 1100 abortions on 1000 newborns, but it is less than previous years.