

Repeat Abortion

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The aim of the survey is to determine who do repeat abortion and why. 508 women were interviewed in the post-abortion period, either prior to discharge from the women's consultation or maternity hospital, where the abortion took place. Client-based reports of post-abortion care and the content of contraceptive counseling were measured. 21,6% were repeat abortion clients. WHO: 87,3 % women were younger 35, i.e. in active reproductive age. Most of them had higher post-secondary (72,7%) and completed secondary (21,8%) education; 60,4% were currently employed and 39,6% women - not employed. Only 32,7% women were married; in unregistered marriage - 49,1 %; single, never married - 12,7% and divorced - 5,5%. The rate of abortion - 5,0 for one woman; 87% clients had 2-5 abortions; the half (52,7%) - had terminated a pregnancy by abortion within the nearest 6 months. 60,9% of abortion clients had not used a contraceptive method; 39,1% - had used. Only about one quarter women were using the modern contraceptive methods; almost half - a barrier method (condoms, spermicides), more dependent on correct use, and nearly 30% - were using traditional (and much less effective) methods (withdrawal, "natural" family planning). Abortion clients report a desired wait of around 3,6 years before the next child; 62,7% are planning to have a child in future. WHY: The principal reason they decided to have this abortion: not a good time to have a baby (28,2%) and socioeconomic reasons (26,4%); did not want more children (15,5%). 37,3% clients were explained how to care for yourself at home, after leaving the hospital; only 16,4% clients received family planning counseling prior to discharge. 15%-report that they received no instructions about when to get a follow-up exam. Several conclusions we draw from these data are: The prevalence repeated abortion is high; contraceptive counseling in women's health services is currently inadequate.