

Overview of the abortion complications, their clinical treatment and outcome

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Abortion, as a serious clinical procedure, bears a risk of complications (hemorrhage, perforations of uterus, etc.) which can be handled by conservative or surgical treatment. Considering the number of abortions in the KBC "Zvezdara" clinic, which have been done in a classic way by dilatation and curettage (D/C), we were especially interested in type, incidence and outcome of these complications. During the period of last four years (1998-2001) 10508 abortions were done. 25 (0.24%) women were hospitalized as a result of complications. Most of these women were multiparas (76.0%) and had one or more abortions before (80.0%). The most common complications were hemorrhages and perforations of uterus in 21 cases (84.0%). Fortunately, the most of these complications were handled with conservative treatment (80.0%), without blood transfusions (84.0%). Mean duration of hospitalizations were 3 to 4 days.