

## **Overview of the rate of abortion in females 18 years old and younger**

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Abortion is the most undesirable way for birth control. In Yugoslavia, abortion is allowed in pregnancies 10 weeks old or less. In the KBC "Zvezdara" clinic, abortion has been done in a classic way by dilatation and curettage (D/C). Considering the high rate of abortions in Yugoslavia, the aim of this study was to show the incidence of abortions in females 18 years old and younger. By data processing for the last four years (1998-2001) the following results have been obtained: during that period 10508 abortions have been done, 179 (1.70%) were females 18 years old or younger. Among them, 146 (81.56%) were nuliparas and in 159 cases (88.83%), abortion was never done before. The majority of studied group were school girls and unmarried women.