Guidelines for Safe Abortion Care

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One of the Most Studied Topics in Medicine

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Globally, one in eight maternal deaths results from unsafe abortion.
Safe Abortion:
Technical and Policy Guidance for Health Systems 2012

• Global experts in the field and international organizations
• Priority issues defined
• Evidence based on recent systematic reviews
• Rating of evidence and strength of clinical recommendations
• International expert panel finalized recommendations using consent-driven process

Recommendations:
• Clinical care
• Establishing and strengthening abortion services
• Legal, policy, and human rights considerations

Target audience:
• Providers of abortion care
• Policy makers
• Program managers
Abortion Rate Constant Regardless of Restrictions or Safety

Overall abortion rate by safety

- Overall Abortion Rate
- Rate of Safe Abortion
- Rate of Unsafe Abortion

More restrictive

Less restrictive

World
Africa
Latin America
Asia
Europe
North America

Sedgh 2007
Underlying Principles

- Abortion laws and services should protect the health and human rights of all women, including adolescents.
- They should not create situations that lead women and adolescents to seek unsafe abortion.
- Policymakers and healthcare managers working to provide reproductive health services should always ensure that safe abortion care is readily accessible and available to the full extent of the law.
National Standards & Guidelines for Safe Abortion Care

• Where and by whom abortion services can be provided
• Essential equipment, medications, supplies and facility capabilities
• Referral mechanisms
• Respect for women’s informed decision-making, autonomy, confidentiality and privacy
• Attention to the special needs of adolescents and women who have suffered rape
• Guidelines for conscientious objection by health-care providers and facilities
Certification & Licensing of Abortion

• Based on national standards
• Facilitate rather than restrict access to care
• Do not impose excessive requirements for infrastructure, equipment, or staff that are not essential to provision of safe services
• Same as for other medical procedures
• Same for public, private, and non-governmental facilities
Care Settings for Abortion Services

- Community Level
- Primary Care Level
- Referral-Hospital Level
WHO Indicators for Safe Abortion Care

- Availability
- Information
- Quality
- Outcome/Impact
• Guidance first published in 2002
• Evidence-based
American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG)

- Guidance since 2001
- Evidence-based
- Collaboration with Society of Family Planning

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Take Home Message

• Abortion is one of the most investigated topics
• Abortion is safe
• Providers and networks have protocols and guidelines for safety, based on evidence