

Reasons and circumstances that lead women to abortion

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Why this research?

- Abortion could be avoided if the contraceptive methods would be better known and used.
- Abortion, safe or not, is an indicator of unintended pregnancy.



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- Incomplete abortion is one of the most frequent obstetric emergencies.
- It is the second most common cause of admission, after delivery, for most of the hospitals in the developing world.
- When a woman is admitted in a hospital because of an incomplete abortion, sometimes it is difficult to know if it was spontaneous or induced.



Brazil

- Induced abortion rates are probably underestimated.
- Abortion is only allowed:
 - If the pregnancy is a consequence of a rape
 - If there is no another way to save the mother's life
- It is not easy to get legal abortion services in Brazil.
- There are still states where no hospital provides such services.



Main Objective

- To identify the reasons why a woman get pregnant when she doesn't want to have a baby.



Methods

- Structured anonymous questionnaire applied by a skilled interviewer.
- Women admitted for abortion in the Women's Hospital of the University of Campinas.



Questions

- If the pregnancy was planned or desired.
- Contraceptive methods known and used.
- Sexual intercourse and pregnancy:
 - She wanted or not to have sex.



Questions

- Reason for choosing to terminate the pregnancy.
- Religion belief.
- Method used for abortion.



Questions

- Knowledge about Brazilian law on abortion.
- Suggestions about how the health service can help to prevent unwanted pregnancies and unsafe abortions.



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