

Unsafe abortion: an analytic approach of knowledge and attitudes of women attending an urban district hospital

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JUSTIFICATION

- Complications of unsafe abortion are the second common cause of admission in our emergency unit
- Informative programs promote abstinence and use of condoms
- And what about other methods of contraception?

INTRODUCTION

- Unsafe abortion worldwide is concentrated in settings where abortion is illegal and contraception practice is very low
- In Cameroun abortion law is restrictive and contraception rate very low

HYPOTHESIS

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The ignorance of the various options in the choice of the method is one of the main obstacles to contraception adhesion and practice

OBJECTIVES

MAIN OBJECTIVE

Analyze factors which influence the contraception use in our setting according to various options of contraception methods offered

METHODOLOGY

- STUDY DESIGN

- Prospective analytic study
- Urban district hospital (Biyem- assi – Yaoundé)

- STUDY POPULATION

- Women aged 15 to 24 years consulting for abortion complications

METHODOLOGY cont

- EXCLUSION CRITERIA
 - Rape
 - Spontaneous abortion
 - Therapeutic abortion
 - Pregnancy under contraception
- CONSENT FORM TO BE SIGNED BY PARTICIPANTS

METHODOLOGY cont

- An anonymous questionnaire will be filled by a trained investigator
- Data about contraceptive methods knowledge, skills and their sources of information will be gathered

CONCLUSION

- Legalization of the abortion is a political decision
- Promotion of contraceptive use is our duty
- A contribution to the elaboration of a program model appropriate for our setting

RESULTS

- Data will be analysed with Epi Info and SPSS softwares
- Univariate and multivariate regression analysis will be used to compare and to present data
- Results will be communicated to the public

PERSPECTIVES

Other studies will be carry out to assess family planning centers activities and health care providers skills as well as the activities of the other stakeholders

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“... Sustainable progress will be achieved when women are finally empowered to make free, informed and responsible choices, and assert themselves as leaders in their own right within their societies....”