

10 Facts About Abortion

From a New Scientific Report

A new report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) concludes that abortion is safe and effective.

The report is an evidence-based, non-partisan, scientific research overview developed by an independent panel of 13 experts in the field. It is also the first comprehensive look at abortion safety, access and care conducted in the last 40 years.

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1 Abortion in all forms is safe and effective.

2 Having an abortion has no impact on a woman's future fertility, breast cancer risk or likelihood to experience mental health disorders.

3 Abortion can be performed in an office setting without special equipment or emergency arrangements.

4 Most abortion procedures can be performed safely by an advanced practice clinician, such as a physician assistant, certified nurse-midwife or nurse practitioner, or a trained physician.

5 Legally requiring providers to inform women about risks that are not supported or even invalidated by scientific research violates long-established standards of informed consent.

6 All forms of abortion - Medication, Aspiration, Dilation and Evacuation (D&E) and Induction - have extremely low rates of complications, with some as low as a fraction of one percent of all patients.

7 Medication abortion - commonly referred to as "the abortion pill" - is 96.7 percent effective, and the researchers found that the procedure doesn't require the physical presence of a clinician and can be safely administered via telemedicine.

8 D&E is reported as a "superior method" for abortions after 16 weeks.

9 Access to clinical abortion care depends on where the patient is located because of the litany of medically unnecessary regulations.

10 The biggest threats to the quality of abortion care are unnecessary regulations on abortion facilities, onerous provider requirements, limited provider training opportunities and a lack of public funding.

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