

GET THE FACTS:

What It Takes to Provide Abortion Care

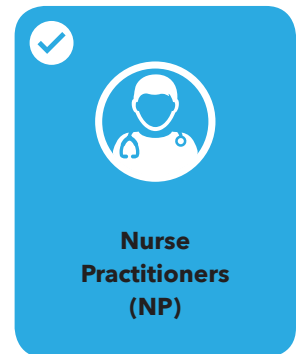
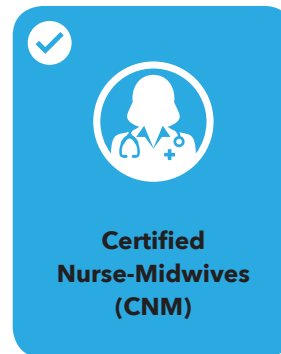
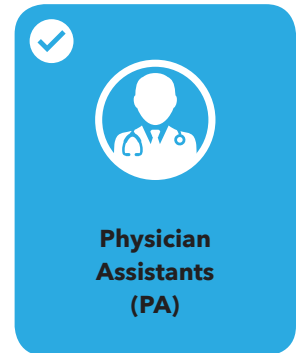
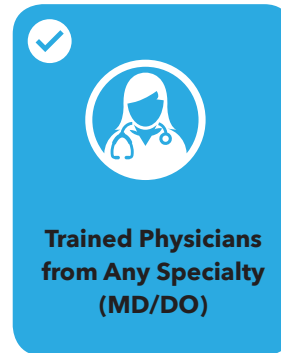
A new report by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine describes the skills and facility requirements needed to perform an abortion and explains which medically unnecessary requirements are harmful for women.

Clinicians

The report finds that many types of clinicians have the skills necessary to provide abortion care safely and effectively

(including those pictured right).

These providers have the skills necessary to perform the core components of abortion care, including preparation for and completion of the abortion procedure, as well as managing any pain, complications or post-procedure care that is necessary.



Facilities

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

Because abortion doesn't require special equipment, most procedures are performed in an outpatient, community-based clinic (59 percent) or another medical clinic (36 percent) –not a hospital setting.

THE REPORT NOTES:

“The committee found no evidence indicating that clinicians that perform abortions require hospital privileges to ensure a safe outcome for patients.”

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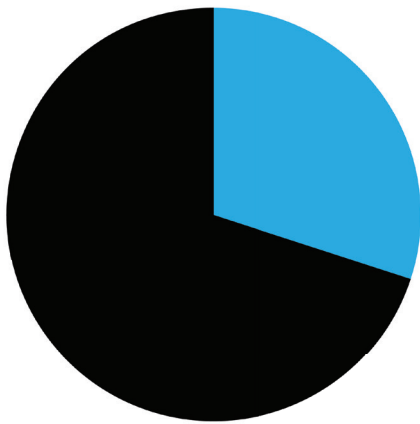
Lack of Clinician Training Has Impacted the Availability of Care

There are not enough professionals trained to provide abortion in the U.S. because abortion training is not universally available and is overregulated.

Three Factors that Impact the Availability of Abortion Training:

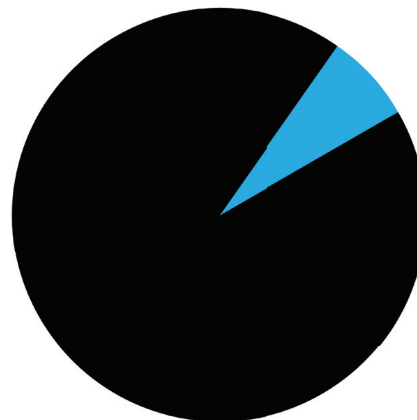
1. Abortion training is only required for OB/GYNs, and some don't have access to training.
2. Hospitals owned by religious organizations and hospitals in states hostile to abortion often prohibit providing and teaching abortion.
3. State regulations in the South, Midwest and rural areas across the country create barriers for providers seeking training.

Availability of Fully-Integrated Abortion Training in the U.S.



70% of OBGYN Programs Do Not Offer Fully-Integrated Training

- 193 of the 283 Programs



93% of Family Residency Programs Do Not Offer Fully-Integrated Training

- 443 of the 477 Programs

Bottom Line

Even though the science is clear on who can provide an abortion and where it can be performed, states continue to enact medically unnecessary regulations that impact the quality of care that women receive.

To learn more about the report, visit AbortionIsSafe.com