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INTRODUCTION

Alaska Induced Abortion Statistics, 2004, published by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, contains information about induced abortions that occurred in Alaska during calendar year 2004.

Why is abortion reporting important? Induced abortion data can be used to:

- Monitor trends in the number, rate, and ratio of induced abortions.
- Assess changes in the types of procedures used to end a pregnancy and the gestational age (in weeks) when abortions are performed.
- Calculate pregnancy rates.
- Identify the characteristics of women who are at risk for unintended pregnancy.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of family planning programs and programs to prevent unintended pregnancy.

Unintended pregnancy refers to pregnancies that are unwanted or when the mother wanted to be pregnant at a later date. In Alaska, 45.3 percent of all pregnancies that resulted in a live birth were unintended during 2002¹. In the U.S., it is estimated that 49 percent of pregnancies are unintended with about half of these pregnancies ended by an abortion². Thus reducing the number of unintended pregnancies would likely reduce the number of abortions.

Alaska has followed the recent national trend in declining birth rates. From 1994 to 2003, the fertility rate in Alaska has declined 3.2 percent, while the teen birth rate declined 32.3 percent. However, birth rates are based only on the number of live births and may change as a result of the rate at which women become pregnant, the rate at which women choose to end their pregnancy in an abortion, or a combination of both. Abortion reporting can provide a better understanding of which factors are driving the birth rate in Alaska.

¹ Alaska Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), Dept. of HSS, DPH, 2002 data.

² Henshaw SK, Unintended Pregnancy in the United States, Family Planning Perspectives, 1998, 30(1):24-29 & 46.

Reporting Issues

The information in this report is based on induced abortion reports received by the Bureau of Vital Statistics as of February 7th, 2005. A copy of the form used to report induced termination of pregnancies is located in Appendix B. Definitions of the terms used in this report are located in Appendix A. In this report, the terms abortion and induced termination of pregnancy are used synonymously with induced abortion.

In Alaska, reports of induced terminations of pregnancy are mandated by AS 18.50.245. Hospitals, clinics, or other institutions where an induced termination of pregnancy is performed are required to submit a report to the Bureau. The report cannot contain the name of the patient, but must contain information similar to the United States Standard Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy, as published by the National Center for Health Statistics. Reports of abortion are strictly confidential and must be destroyed after preparing the annual report.

Alaska Statutes also require that any reports produced from induced termination of pregnancy forms may only be presented in aggregate form so that specific individuals may not be identified. Furthermore, the report may not identify or provide information that can be used to identify the name of the physician who performed the induced abortion, the name of the facility where the abortion occurred, or the name of the municipality or community in which the abortion occurred. Because of the reporting guidelines outlined in state statutes, induced abortion statistics by borough or census area are not available for publication.

This report only contains information on induced terminations of pregnancies that occurred in Alaska. In the past several years over 200 Alaska women on average obtained abortions out of state. For example, 226 Alaska women obtained abortions in Washington State during 2003³. It is unknown how many Alaska women obtained abortions in states other than Washington. Since the out of state occurrence data is incomplete, it is not included in this report.

Pregnancy rates are based on the total number of live births, induced abortions, and fetal deaths per 1,000 women of childbearing age. Currently, population estimates are not available for 2004, so pregnancy rates cannot be calculated. Additionally, birth data for 2004 is preliminary, since data for Alaska residents who gave birth out of state is incomplete. The induced abortion information for 2004, however, is final. Information on pregnancy rates, abortion rates, and abortion ratios is posted on the Bureau's web site; <u>www.vitalrecords.alaska.gov</u>.

³Center for Health Statistics, Washington State Department of Health. Pregnancy and Induced Abortion Statistics. Dec. 2003.

Executive Summary

- A total of 1,937 induced abortions were reported in Alaska in 2004, with Alaska women accounting for over 99 percent of the induced abortions that occurred in Alaska. This is an increase of 7.3 percent from the 1,806 abortions reported in 2003.
- In Alaska, 63.1 percent of women who obtained an abortion in 2004 reported they had no previous abortions. One of every seven women reported that they had two or more previous abortions.
- Most (57 percent) of the women who obtained abortions in 2004 were less than 25 years of age. In the most recent year for which national data are available (year 2001), 48.5 percent of women who obtained an abortion were less than 25 years of age⁴.
- Women age 15 to 17 accounted for 7.4 percent of all induced abortions in Alaska during 2004, a slight decrease from 8.5 percent in 2003. Nationally in 2001, 6.2 percent of women who obtained an abortion were age 15 to 17 years.
- Teens (age 15 to 19 years) received 21.5 percent of the abortions in 2004. In 2001, 17.9 percent of women in the U.S. who obtained an abortion were teenagers.
- In Alaska, 83.1 percent (excluding unknown responses) of women who obtained an abortion in 2004 were unmarried. In the U.S., the most recent information shows 81.6 percent of women who obtained an abortion were unmarried.
- In 2004, 55.4 percent of women who obtained an induced abortion in Alaska reported they had one or more previous live births. Nationally, 54.8 percent of U.S. women who received an abortion in 2001 reported they had one or more previous live births.
- More than nine of every 10 (95.3 percent) of induced abortions in Alaska were performed at 12 weeks or less gestational age. In 2001, 88.1 percent of abortions performed in the U.S. involved pregnancies of 12 weeks or less gestational age.
- Suction curettage was the most commonly performed procedure in Alaska at 76.1 percent and Mifepristone (RU-486) was second at 22.6 percent. Suction curettage was used in over 92.8 percent of abortions performed in the U.S. during 2001.
- Unmarried, white women age 20 to 29 accounted for more than one-fourth (27.5 percent) of all abortions received in Alaska during 2004.
- Almost half (48.8 percent) of all women who obtained abortions in Alaska during 2004 reported that they used their own financial resources as the source of payment. More than one-third (34.1 percent) reported that Medicaid was the source of payment.
- In 2004, four abortion reports in Alaska indicated that the pregnancy was terminated due to the detection of a congenital anomaly.

⁴Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Surveillance Summaries, November 28, 2003. MMWR 2003:52(No. SS-12).

Summary of Characteristics of Women Receiving Abortions in Alaska: 2004 and 2003

TABLE 1	200)4	2003			
	Abortions	Percent	Abortions	Percent		
Residence						
Alaska	1,934	99.8	1,794	99.3		
Other State Not Stated	3	0.2	8	0.4		
Total	0 1.937	0.0 100.0	4 1,806	0.2 100.0		
	1,257	100.0	1,000	100.0		
Age						
Under 15	10	0.5	12	0.7		
15–19	417	21.5	373	20.7		
15–17 18–19	144 273	7.4 14.1	154 219	8.5 12.1		
20-24	677	35.0	600	33.2		
25-29	389	20.1	364	20.2		
30-34	236	12.2	232	12.8		
35–39	139	7.2	152	8.4		
40-44	62	3.2	66	3.7		
45 and over	6	0.3	1	0.1		
Not Stated	1	0.1	6	0.3		
Total	1,937	100.0	1,806	100.0		
Race						
Asian/PI	145	7.5	126	7.0		
Black	146	7.5	115	6.4		
Alaska Native	400	20.7	320	17.7		
White	1,170	60.4	1,042	57.7		
Other/Not Stated Total	76 1,937	3.9 100.0	203 1.806	11.2 100.0		
Total	1,937	100.0	1,000	100.0		
Marital Status						
Married	326	16.8	373	20.7		
Unmarried	1,599	82.6	1,336	74.0		
Unknown/Not Stated Total	12 1,937	0.6 100.0	97 1,806	5.4 100.0		
	1,937	100.0	1,000	100.0		
Education						
Less than 12 years	271	14.0	197	10.9		
12 years	873	45.1	628	34.8		
13 or more years Other/Not Stated	574 219	29.6 11.3	439 542	24.3 30.0		
Total	1,937	100.0	1,806	100.0		
		100.0	1,000	100.0		
Previous Live Births	054			10.0		
0	856	44.2	739	40.9 27.6		
2	477 330	24.6 17.0	499 309	17.1		
3	166	8.6	128	7.1		
4	56	2.9	71	3.9		
5 or more	44	2.3	48	2.7		
Not stated	8	0.4	12	0.7		
Total	1,937	100.0	1,806	100.0		
Previous Abortions						
0	1,223	63.1	1,111	61.5		
1	442	22.8	409	22.6		
2	187	9.7	170	9.4		
3	41	2.1	57	3.2		
4	20	1.0	23	1.3		
Over 4 Not Stated	11 13	0.6 0.7	15 21	0.8		
Total	1,937	100.0	1,806	1.2 100.0		
	1,237	100.0	1,000	100.0		
Weeks of Gestation ¹						
1–4 5–8	42	2.2	25	1.4		
	1,081	55.8	991 697	54.9		
9–12 13–16	723 72	37.3 3.7	687 64	38.0 3.5		
17-20	11	0.6	04 11	3.5 0.6		
21-24	1	0.0	1	0.0		
Not Stated	7	0.4	27	1.5		
Total	1,937	100.0	1,806	100.0		
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¹Gestation based on the physician's estimate

	Age Group												
Race	Total	<15	15–17	18–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45+	Not Stated		
Asian	145	0	15	25	37	28	18	13	8	0	1		
Black	146	0	9	18	53	39	17	9	1	0	0		
Alaska Native	400	4	32	63	148	74	51	21	7	0	0		
White	1170	6	82	155	413	230	142	91	45	6	0		
Other/Not Stated	76	0	6	12	26	18	8	5	1	0	0		
Total	1937	10	144	273	677	389	236	139	62	6	1		

Table 2Number of Induced Abortions by Race and Age: Alaska Occurrence,
2004

Table 3Induced Abortions by Age and Percentage by Race: Alaska Occurrence,
2004

	Age Group												
Race	Total	<15	15–17	18–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45+	Not Stated		
Asian	100.0	0.0	10.3	17.2	25.5	19.3	12.4	9.0	5.5	0.0	0.7		
Black	100.0	0.0	6.2	12.3	36.3	26.7	11.6	6.2	0.7	0.0	0.0		
Alaska Native	100.0	1.0	8.0	15.8	37.0	18.5	12.8	5.3	1.8	0.0	0.0		
White	100.0	0.5	7.0	13.2	35.3	19.7	12.1	7.8	3.8	0.5	0.0		
Other/Not Stated	100.0	0.0	7.9	15.8	34.2	23.7	10.5	6.6	1.3	0.0	0.0		
Total	100.0	0.5	7.4	14.1	35.0	20.1	12.2	7.2	3.2	0.3	0.1		

Table 4Induced Abortions by Race and Percentage by Age: Alaska Occurrence,
2004

	Age Group												
Race	Total	<15	15–17	18–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45+	Not Stated		
Asian	7.5	0.0	10.4	9.2	5.5	7.2	7.6	9.4	12.9	0.0	100.0		
Black	7.5	0.0	6.3	6.6	7.8	10.0	7.2	6.5	1.6	0.0	0.0		
Alaska Native	20.7	40.0	22.2	23.1	21.9	19.0	21.6	15.1	11.3	0.0	0.0		
White	60.4	60.0	56.9	56.8	61.0	59.1	60.2	65.5	72.6	100.0	0.0		
Other/Not Stated	3.9	0.0	4.2	4.4	3.8	4.6	3.4	3.6	1.6	0.0	0.0		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		

	Age Group											
Marital Status	Total	<15	15–17	18–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45+	Not Stated	
Married	326	0	0	6	92	80	72	46	26	4	0	
Unmarried	1599	10	144	266	581	304	163	92	36	2	1	
Unknown/Not												
Stated	12	0	0	1	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	
Total	1937	10	144	273	677	389	236	139	62	6	1	

Table 5Number of Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Age: Alaska
Occurrence, 2004

Table 6Induced Abortions by Age and Percentage by Marital Status: Alaska
Occurrence, 2004

	Age Group											
Marital Status	Total	<15	15–17	18–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45+	Not	
	TOLAI	<13	13-17	10-19	20-24	23-29	50-54	55-59	40-44	45+	Stated	
Married	100.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	28.2	24.5	22.1	14.1	8.0	1.2	0.0	
Unmarried	100.0	0.6	9.0	16.6	36.3	19.0	10.2	5.8	2.3	0.1	0.1	
Unknown/Not												
Stated	100.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	33.3	41.7	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total	100.0	0.5	7.4	14.1	35.0	20.1	12.2	7.2	3.2	0.3	0.1	

Table 7Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Percentage by Age: Alaska
Occurrence, 2004

		Age Group										
Marital Status	Total	<15	15–17	18–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45+	Not Stated	
Married	16.8	0.0	0.0	2.2	13.6	20.6	30.5	33.1	41.9	66.7	0.0	
Unmarried	82.6	100.0	100.0	97.4	85.8	78.2	69.1	66.2	58.1	33.3	100.0	
Unknown/Not												
Stated	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	1.3	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

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Turne of Drocodure		Weeks of Gestation									
Type of Procedure	Total	1–4	5–8	9–12	13–16	17–20	21–24	Not Stated			
Dilation and Evacuation (D&E)	20	0	2	1	5	11	1	0			
Mifepristone (RU-486)	438	36	392	7	0	0	0	3			
Sharp Curettage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Suction Curettage	1474	б	684	713	67	0	0	4			
Other/Not Stated	5	0	3	2	0	0	0	0			
Total	1937	42	1081	723	72	11	1	7			

Table 8Number of Induced Abortions by Type of Procedure and Weeks of
Gestation: Alaska Occurrence, 2004

Table 9Induced Abortions by Type of Procedure and Percentage by Weeks of
Gestation: Alaska Occurrence, 2004

Turpo of Drocoduro				Weeks	of Gestati	on		
Type of Procedure	Total	1–4	5–8	9–12	13–16	17–20	21–24	Not Stated
Dilation and Evacuation (D&E)	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	6.9	100.0	100.0	0.0
Mifepristone (RU-486)	22.6	85.7	36.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.9
Sharp Curettage	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Suction Curettage	76.1	14.3	63.3	98.6	93.1	0.0	0.0	57.1
Other/Not Stated	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 10Induced Abortions by Weeks of Gestation and Percentage by Type of
Procedure: Alaska Occurrence, 2004

Type of Procedure				Weeks o	of Gestati	on		
Type of Procedure	Total	1–4	5–8	9–12	13–16	17–20	21–24	Not Stated
Dilation and Evacuation (D&E)	100.0	0.0	10.0	5.0	25.0	55.0	5.0	0.0
Mifepristone (RU-486)	100.0	8.2	89.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Sharp Curettage	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Suction Curettage	100.0	0.4	46.4	48.4	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.3
Other/Not Stated	100.0	0.0	60.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	100.0	2.2	55.8	37.3	3.7	0.6	0.1	0.4

Baymont Type	Age Group												
Payment Type	Total	<15	15–17	18–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45+	Not Stated		
Cash	946	2	49	117	342	189	125	78	38	5	1		
Insurance	44	0	1	2	14	5	9	10	3	0	0		
Medicaid	660	6	63	113	230	144	65	30	9	0	0		
Multiple Payment													
Sources	19	1	1	1	0	7	4	4	1	0	0		
Other/Not Stated	268	1	30	40	91	44	33	17	11	1	0		
Total	1937	10	144	273	677	389	236	139	62	6	1		

Table 11Number of Induced Abortions by Method of Payment and Age: Alaska
Occurrence, 2004

Table 12	Induced Abortions by Method of Payment and Percentage by Age:
	Alaska Occurrence, 2004

						Age Gr	oup				
Payment Type	Total	<15	15–17	18–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45+	Not Stated
Cash	48.8	20.0	34.0	42.9	50.5	48.6	53.0	56.1	61.3	83.3	100.0
Insurance	2.3	0.0	0.7	0.7	2.1	1.3	3.8	7.2	4.8	0.0	0.0
Medicaid	34.1	60.0	43.8	41.4	34.0	37.0	27.5	21.6	14.5	0.0	0.0
Multiple Payment											
Sources	1.0	10.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	1.8	1.7	2.9	1.6	0.0	0.0
Other/Not Stated	13.8	10.0	20.8	14.7	13.4	11.3	14.0	12.2	17.7	16.7	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 13Induced Abortions by Age and Percentage by Method of Payment:
Alaska Occurrence, 2004

Daymont Type	Age Group										
Payment Type	Total	<15	15–17	18–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45+	Not Stated
Cash	100.0	0.2	5.2	12.4	36.2	20.0	13.2	8.2	4.0	0.5	0.1
Insurance	100.0	0.0	2.3	4.5	31.8	11.4	20.5	22.7	6.8	0.0	0.0
Medicaid	100.0	0.9	9.5	17.1	34.8	21.8	9.8	4.5	1.4	0.0	0.0
Multiple Payment											
Sources	100.0	5.3	5.3	5.3	0.0	36.8	21.1	21.1	5.3	0.0	0.0
Other/Not Stated	100.0	0.4	11.2	14.9	34.0	16.4	12.3	6.3	4.1	0.4	0.0
Total	100.0	0.5	7.4	14.1	35.0	20.1	12.2	7.2	3.2	0.3	0.1

			Occurre	nce, 200	4					
Daymant Tyrna		Race								
Payment Type	Total	Alaska Native	Asian/PI	Black	White	Other/Not Stated				
Cash	946	164	81	71	593	37				
Insurance	44	1	5	2	35	1				
Medicaid	660	199	41	63	327	30				
Multiple Payment Sources	19	5	0	1	12	1				
Other/Not Stated	268	31	18	9	203	7				
Total	1937	400	145	146	1170	76				

Table 14Induced Abortions by Method of Payment and Race: AlaskaOccurrence, 2004

Table 15	Induced Abortions by Method of Payment and Percentage by
	Race: Alaska Occurrence, 2004

DaymantType			R	lace		
Payment Type	Total	Alaska Native	Asian/PI	Black	White	Other/Not Stated
Cash	48.8	41.0	55.9	48.6	50.7	48.7
Insurance	2.3	0.3	3.4	1.4	3.0	1.3
Medicaid	34.1	49.8	28.3	43.2	27.9	39.5
Multiple Payment Sources	1.0	1.3	0.0	0.7	1.0	1.3
Other/Not Stated	13.8	7.8	12.4	6.2	17.4	9.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 16Induced Abortions by Race and Percentage by Method of
Payment: Alaska Occurrence, 2004

Payment Type			R	lace		
Payment Type	Total	Alaska Native	Asian/PI	Black	White	Other/Not Stated
Cash	100.0	17.3	8.6	7.5	62.7	3.9
Insurance	100.0	2.3	11.4	4.5	79.5	2.3
Medicaid	100.0	30.2	6.2	9.5	49.5	4.5
Multiple Payment Sources	100.0	26.3	0.0	5.3	63.2	5.3
Other/Not Stated	100.0	11.6	6.7	3.4	75.7	2.6
Total	100.0	20.7	7.5	7.5	60.4	3.9

	ivia i	rital Status: A	laska Occurre	nce, 2004					
Payment Type		Marital Status							
	Total	Married	Unmarried	Unknown/Not Stated					
Cash	946	180	764	2					
Insurance	44	17	27	0					
Medicaid	660	75	583	2					
Multiple Payment Sources	19	7	12	0					
Other/Not Stated	268	47	213	8					
Total	1937	326	1599	12					

Table 17Number of Induced Abortions by Method of Payment and
Marital Status: Alaska Occurrence, 2004

Table 18	Induced Abortions by Method of Payment and Percentage by Marital Status: Alaska Occurrence, 2004

Deveneent True e	Marital Status							
Payment Type	Total	Married	Unmarried	Unknown/Not Stated				
Cash	48.8	55.2	47.8	16.7				
Insurance	2.3	5.2	1.7	0.0				
Medicaid	34.1	23.0	36.5	16.7				
Multiple Payment Sources	1.0	2.1	0.8	0.0				
Other/Not Stated	13.8	14.4	13.3	66.7				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0				

Table 19Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Percentage by
Method of Payment: Alaska Occurrence, 2004

Daymont Type	Marital Status							
Payment Type	Total	Married	Unmarried	Unknown/Not Stated				
Cash	100.0	19.0	80.8	0.2				
Insurance	100.0	38.6	61.4	0.0				
Medicaid	100.0	11.4	88.3	0.3				
Multiple Payment Sources	100.0	36.8	63.2	0.0				
Other/Not Stated	100.0	17.5	79.5	3.0				
Total	100.0	16.8	82.6	0.6				

Appendix A: Technical Notes

Abortion - The termination (spontaneous or induced) of a pregnancy before the fetus has attained viability. When the term abortion is used in this report, it refers to an induced abortion.

Gestational Age - The number of weeks between the first day of the last menstrual period and the date of delivery or the end of the pregnancy. This report uses the physician's estimate of gestational age.

Induced Abortion - The purposeful interruption of pregnancy with the intention other than to produce a live-born infant or to remove a dead fetus, and which does not result in a live birth.

Induced Abortion Procedures

Dilation and Evacuation (D&E) is a procedure that is generally used after 12 weeks of gestation and is usually done on an outpatient basis. Dilation and Evacuation may involve a combination of vacuum aspiration, dilation and curettage (D&C), and the use of surgical instruments (such as forceps).

Hysterectomy is a surgical procedure in which the uterus is removed either with the fetus inside or after the fetus has been removed. It is rarely performed in association with an abortion, and then only when a pathological condition of the uterus (such as fibroid tumors) or an emergency warrants its removal.

Hysterotomy is a surgical procedure that involves surgical entry into the uterus (as in a cesarean section) and the removal of a fetus that is too small to survive, even with extraordinary life support measures. Hysterotomy is rarely performed and then only if other abortion procedures fail.

Mifepristone (also known as RU-486) is usually used along with a prostaglandin for ending pregnancies of up to 49 days gestation. The administration of mifepristone causes the placenta to detach from the uterine wall. A second drug (misoprostol) is given two days later to induce uterine contractions, expelling the products of conception.

Methotrexate interferes with the vitamin folic acid and kills rapidly growing cells. It is also used for the nonsurgical treatment of ectopic pregnancies (when fertilized eggs grow outside the uterus). Methotrexate is administered by injection and is followed 5 to 7 days later with misoprostol to stimulate uterine contractions.

Saline/Prostaglandin (Intrauterine Instillation) are rarely used procedures that involve either withdrawing a portion of amniotic fluid from the uterine cavity by a needle inserted through the abdominal wall and replacing this fluid with a concentrated salt solution (known as saline instillation) or injecting a prostaglandin (a substance with hormone-like activity) into the amniotic sac (known as intra-uterine prostaglandin instillation). Both processes induce labor, resulting in the expulsion of the fetus. **Sharp Curettage** (Dilation and Curettage, D&C) requires the dilation (temporary widening) of the cervix (the uterine opening). The fetal and placental tissues are then scraped out with a curette, which resembles a small spoon.

Suction Curettage (Vacuum Aspiration) is a frequently performed procedure that is generally used in the first 12 weeks of gestation (the first trimester). This procedure is done on an outpatient basis and may be done in a physician's office or a clinic.

After the cervix is dilated, a flexible cannula (a small, hollow tube) is inserted into the uterus through the cervix. The tube is attached to a pump, which is used to evacuate the uterine contents through the cannula.

Spontaneous Abortion The loss of a fetus during pregnancy due to natural causes.

Appendix B: Sample Induced Termination of Pregnancy Report Form

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