WHY IS ACCESS TO MEDICAL ABORTION LIMITED IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION?

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THE ABORTION RATE (A MEASURE ON THE 1000) AND THE PROPORTION OF UNSAFE IN RUSSIA *

* In Russia, abortion statistics presented with spontaneous abortions

THE ABORTION RATE: IN THE WORLD (2008) AND IN RUSSIA
(FIGURE FOR 1000 WOMEN OF CHILDBEARING AGE)

OBJECTIVE

To determine the factors influencing limitation of the medical method for termination of unwanted pregnancy and to improve the quality of care in relation to induced abortions in Russia

THE FIRST TRIMESTER ABORTION STRUCTURE (METHOD USED) (2011)

DYNAMICS OF THE METHODS USED FOR ABORTION IN THE FIRST TRIMESTER (2006-2011)

Medical abortion is allowed in Russia since 2000. In Russia in 2011, its share among the methods of abortion was 6.2%
WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR THE LIMITED USE OF MEDICAL METHOD

Demographic policy aimed at increase of the birth rate by absence of promotion\ restrictions for use of its methods of control (both, termination of unwanted pregnancy and contraception)

THE STRUCTURE OF ABORTIONS IN RUSSIA (2011)

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THE USE OF MODERN METHODS OF CONTRACEPTION (2006-2011)

- The total number of users for the modern methods of contraception for 1000 women of fertile age

DYNAMICS OF REDUCTION OF ABORTIONS IN THE YEARS 1991-2011

- 1991-1995: -32.6%
- 2007-2011: -19.4%

THE REASONS FOR THE LIMITED USE OF MEDICAL ABORTION

- The denial that the abortion can be safe nonetheless what method is used

THE REASONS FOR THE LIMITED USE OF MEDICAL METHODS

- Almost everywhere, MA is performed commercially (except several RF territories)

- 59% of Russia’s population is classified as “poor”
- 33% - have an average low income (a special group of people called “working poor”)
THE REASONS FOR THE LIMITED USE OF MEDICAL METHODS

The restriction on the term of pregnancy (up to 6 weeks)

Mifepristone is used up to 42 days of amenorrhea ...

... in accordance with the instructions on the medical use of drugs

THE REASONS FOR THE LIMITED USE OF MEDICAL METHODS

The lack of focus on the needs of women

Activities

Proposal

Demand

Doctor

Needs

Patient

Safer

The introduction of medical abortion into the mandatory health insurance system

Orenburg

Tyumen

Yakutia

Kemerovo

Ekaterinburg

Buryatiya

The results of training and implementation (St. Petersburg, 2012)

Structure of the termination of pregnancy methods in women's clinic number 22, St. Petersburg in 2012

Number of complications:

10.1% (2003) → 0.9% (2011)

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO CHANGE THE SITUATION? ...

- What measures should be undertaken to reduce complications and maternal deaths due to abortions?
- What needs to be done to bring the legislation into conformity with the norms of the practice of health facilities?

Step on the throat ... of own beliefs!

DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDICAL ABORTION INTO THE SYSTEM OF COMPULSORY HEALTH INSURANCE

- High dependence on decision-makers point of view in the Russian regions
- The only possible way to implement MA is a day stay in the hospital due to the particular drug provision at the health facilities
- Lack of motivation among Ob\Gyn doctors
WHERE THERE IS A WILL - THERE IS A WAY!
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Thank you!