
WEEK 4: Abortion after the First-Trimester Obstacles to Accessing Safe Abortion in the US and Worldwide

QUIZ QUESTION ANSWER SHEET

1. Approximately what percentage of abortions in the United States occur after the first trimester (after 12 weeks from a woman's last menstrual period)?

- 1%
- 11%
- 25%
- 50%
- 90%

Answer: 11%

Explanation: Most (approximately 88%) abortions in the United States occur in the first trimester. 11% of abortions in the United States are after the 12th week and 1% of abortions are after 20 weeks. Please refer back to Dr. Eleanor Drey's lecture "Abortion After the First Trimester" for a detailed explanation.

2. In the United States, most abortions after the first trimester are performed by which procedure?

- Medical Induction
- Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)
- Dilation and Curettage (D&C)
- None of the above

Answer: Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)

Explanation: Dilation & Evacuation (D&E) is the most common procedural technique in abortions after the first trimester. Please refer back to Dr. Eleanor Drey's lecture "Abortion After the First Trimester" for a detailed explanation.

3. What are some common reasons why women seek abortion services after the first trimester?

- The woman did not realize she was pregnant
- The woman experienced difficulty making arrangements for abortion
- A fetal abnormality was diagnosed
- The woman was afraid to tell her parents or partner
- All of the above

Answer: **All of the Above**

Explanation: All answers presented in this question are common reasons why women seek abortion services after the first trimester. Please refer back to Dr. Eleanor Drey's lecture "Abortion After the First Trimester" for a detailed explanation.

4. The overall rate of abortion is approximately _____ in countries with more restrictive abortion policies compared to countries with less restrictive abortion policies.
- Higher
 - Lower
 - The same
 - There is not enough evidence to suggest a conclusion to overall abortion rates

Answer: **The same**

Explanation: The abortion rate remains constant regardless of restrictions. Nonetheless, the rate of safe abortion increases in countries with less restrictive abortion policies and decreases in countries with more restrictive abortion policies. Please refer back to Dr. Teresa DePineres' lecture "Guidelines for Safe Abortion Care" for a detailed explanation.

5. Safe later-term abortion services are not available in many settings because:
- There are a lack of trained providers in later-term abortions
 - Later term abortion services are often concentrated in urban areas
 - There is intensified stigma for later-term abortions
 - All of the above

Answer: **All of the Above**

Explanation: All answers presented in this question are reasons why safe later-term abortion services are not available in many settings. Please refer to Dr. Daniel Grossman's lecture "Improving Access to Safe Abortion Care After the First Trimester" for a detailed explanation.

6. Which method of termination after the first trimester is conducted in an inpatient setting, is more dependent on nursing care, and may be more emotionally difficult for the patient?
- D&C (Dilation and Curettage)
 - D&E (Dilation and Evacuation)
 - Medical Induction
 - None of the above

Answer: **Medical Induction**

Explanation: Medical induction is a method of termination after the first trimester that is conducted in an inpatient setting, is more dependent on nursing care, and may be more emotionally difficult for the patient. In contrast, dilation and evacuation (D&E) requires more training for the provider, may be more emotionally difficult for the provider, and can be conducted in an outpatient setting. Please refer to Dr. Daniel Grossman's lecture "Improving Access to Safe Abortion Care After the First Trimester" for a detailed explanation.

7. Based on scientific literature, most patients who seek abortions in the second trimester prefer _____ as their method of termination.

- D&C (Dilation and Curettage)
- D&E (Dilation and Evacuation)
- Medical Induction
- None of the above

Answer: **D&E (Dilation and Evacuation)**

Explanation: Most patients who seek abortion in the second trimester prefer D&E (dilation and evacuation) as their method of termination. Please refer to Dr. Jennifer Kerns' lecture "Patient Decision Making Abortion After the First Trimester: D&E or Induction Termination" for a detailed explanation.

8. In the United States, approximately what percent of women have no abortion provider in their county of residence?

- 1%
- 15%
- 35%
- 75%
- 95%

Answer: **35%**

Explanation: In the United States, approximately 35% of women have no abortion provider in their county of residence. Please refer to Dr. Jennifer Kerns' lecture "Patient Decision Making Abortion After the First Trimester: D&E or Induction Termination" for a detailed explanation.

9. Which of the following describes a strategy used in the clinical setting to reduce the rates of complications from dilation and evacuation (D&E)?

- Adequate cervical preparation and dilation
- Ensure providers are well trained and experienced in D&E (dilation & evacuation)
- Use of real-time ultrasound guidance to confirm gestational age
- All of the above

Answer: **All of the Above**

Explanation: All answers presented in this question are strategies used in the clinical setting to reduce the rates of complications from dilation and evacuation (D&E). Please refer to Dr. Jennifer Kerns' lecture "Managing Complications of Procedural Abortion" for a detailed explanation.

10. Which of the following is a true statement?

- Abortion causes mental illness including depression and "post-abortion syndrome"
- There is evidence among well-designed research studies that abortion is associated with infertility, ectopic pregnancy, and miscarriage.
- Abortion increases the risk of breast cancer.
- Most women regret their abortions.
- None of the above. All of the above statements are myths about abortion

Answer: **None of the above. All of the above statements are myths about abortion**

Explanation: All answers presented in this question are untrue statements about abortion. Please refer to Dr. Jennifer Kerns' lecture "Myths about Abortion Complications" for a detailed explanation.