

# **Induced Abortions in Minnesota January - December 2008: Report to the Legislature**

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## **Introduction**

The 1998 session of the Minnesota Legislature amended Minnesota's abortion reporting requirement to include all physicians licensed and practicing in Minnesota who perform abortions and all Minnesota facilities in which abortions are performed (Minnesota Statutes, sections 145.4131 - 145.4136). A report must be completed and submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for each procedure performed. This law also expanded the content of the reporting form. The number of induced abortions performed out-of-state and paid for with state funds must be reported to MDH by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Furthermore, any medical facility or any licensed, practicing physician in Minnesota who encounters an illness or injury that is the result of an induced abortion must submit a report of that complication on a separate form developed for that purpose. Both of these forms, *Report of Induced Abortion* and *Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion*, are included in the Appendix of this publication.

This report is issued in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 145.4134 which requires a yearly public report of induced abortion statistics for the previous calendar year and statistics for prior years adjusted to reflect any additional information from late and/or corrected report forms, beginning with October 1, 1998 data. This is the tenth such report and covers the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. No additional late or corrected *Report of Induced Abortion* or *Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion* forms were received since publication of the 2007 data in July of 2008.

The 2003 Minnesota Legislature enacted the Woman's Right to Know Act. This law [Minnesota Statutes, sections 145.4241 – 145.4249] requires physicians to provide women with certain information at least 24 hours prior to an abortion and to collect and report to the Minnesota Department of Health the number of women who were provided this information. Physicians were required to begin collecting this data on January 1, 2004 and to submit their 2008 data to the Department of Health by April 1, 2009. Data from this reporting requirement are published as Tables 25 through 27 on pages 31 through 33 of this report. Additional information about the Woman's Right to Know Act can be found at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/wrtk/index.html>.

The 2006 Minnesota Legislature amended the Woman's Right to Know Act (WRTK) regarding the circumstance of a patient seeking an abortion of an unborn child diagnosed with a fetal anomaly incompatible with life. Such a patient must be informed of available perinatal hospice services and offered this care as an alternative to abortion. If the patient accepts such care the information required under the WRTK need not be provided to her. If she declines hospice services and elects abortion, only information about medical risks, gestational age and anesthesia must be given. The WRTK reporting form was modified to accommodate the changes and Tables 25 and 26 have an additional line to report these cases. The revised version of the form, *Report of Informed Consent for Induced Abortion*, is included in the Appendix.

## **Technical Notes**

Data included in this report are submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health by facilities and physicians who perform abortions in Minnesota. The *Report of Induced Abortion* (see Appendix, Figure 1) may be submitted by a facility/clinic on behalf of physicians who practice therein; or physicians may submit reports independently. A number of data items on the report form were specifically required by Minnesota Statutes. These items include: medical specialty of the physician performing the abortion, patient age, date of the abortion, clinical estimate of gestation, number of previous spontaneous and induced abortions, type of abortion procedure, intra-operative complications (post-operative complications are collected using the *Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion*), method of disposal of fetal remains, type of payment, health coverage type, and reason for the abortion. The items: type of admission, patient residence, date of last menses, and contraceptive use and method were included to provide continuity with previous abortion report forms. Marital status, Hispanic origin, race, education, and previous live births correspond to items on the Minnesota *Medical Supplement to the Certificate of Live Birth* and thus allow for statistical comparison with birth data and the calculation of pregnancy rates.

Report forms submitted with incomplete data are required by law to be returned to the clinic/facility or independently reporting physician for correction. Overall compliance and cooperation in completing the forms was excellent, however, some data remain unreported. In some cases this is due to a facility being unable to locate the record in question and in other instances due to a patient's refusal to provide the data. Continuing efforts are being made to further improve reporting compliance, completeness, and timeliness.

Due to the sensitivity of abortion data, there are concerns about revealing an individual's identity, whether patient or provider, from data presented in this publication. Minnesota Statutes, section 145.4134 states "The commissioner shall ensure that none of the information included in the public reports can reasonably lead to identification of an individual having performed or having had an abortion. All data included on the forms under sections 145.4131 to 145.4133 must be included on the public report except that the commissioner shall maintain as confidential, data which alone or in combination may constitute information from which an individual ....may be identified using epidemiologic principles."

In general, the policy is that when a single data item, such as age or race/ethnicity, is presented in a table that includes all of the cases, the large number of occurrences in each grouping makes it unnecessary to conceal, or suppress, those data. For example, a table of the age groups tallied for all of the reports received for 2008 would have such large numbers that none of the counts would have to be suppressed. No individual could possibly be identified.

Data generally are suppressed when there are such small numbers of two or more variables that it would be difficult to protect the confidentiality of individuals. For instance, age groups tallied for only a single town in Minnesota would most likely have small counts in some of the age groups. Likewise, a table of age group by race for each county in Minnesota would have small counts in cells for those counties with small populations and few minority residents. Suppression of those small counts would be necessary to protect the confidentiality of the individual.

As a hypothetical example, if the data were to include age and race/ethnicity, the only two Asian American women between the ages of 35 and 39 in a county with a low overall population might be identifiable.

Data by provider, Tables 1.1 and 1.2, are presented for individual clinics that have been publicly identified as abortion providers, but aggregated into a single group for independently reporting physicians. Table 1.2 presents data on individual physicians with no small-number suppression, as the law requires counts by physician by month. Physicians are simply identified as Physician A, Physician B, etc. to protect confidentiality. Please note that the identifiers are arbitrarily assigned to those physicians who reported in a given calendar year. Thus, Physician X in a prior year's report may not be the same individual as Physician X in this report. Data presented in frequency tables for the state as a whole have no small-number data suppressed. Likewise, Table 6, Country/State Residence of Woman, contains sufficiently large groups to confound identification of an individual. Table 7, County of Residence for Women Residing in Minnesota, is the only table for which counts of zero to five are suppressed. Some of the counties have a small population of females of childbearing age and/or a small number of physicians who may be qualified to provide abortion services and thus, though unlikely, it could be possible for a provider or patient to be identified.

**Table 1.1**  
**Abortions by Month and Provider, 2008**

	<u>Jan</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Apr</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Jun</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Jul</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Sep</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Dec</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2008</u>
Midwest Health Center for Women	270	267	255	217	225	217	222	205	241	218	194	228	2,759
Women's Health Center	56	43	56	53	43	42	48	54	51	56	54	53	609
Meadowbrook Women's Clinic	227	184	218	165	180	188	183	186	181	212	137	177	2,238
Robbinsdale Clinic	137	121	111	111	120	106	120	109	85	99	113	109	1,341
GYN Special Services	64	51	58	62	63	43	51	59	50	48	45	54	648
Dr. Mildred Hansen Clinic	151	128	125	94	100	83	113	105	88	98	103	85	1,273
Planned Parenthood of Minnesota	376	373	327	341	349	321	352	348	309	301	260	301	3,958
Independent Physicians <sup>1</sup>	10	9	8	13	11	5	8	11	11	17	6	13	122
Total Minnesota Occurrence	1,291	1,176	1,158	1,056	1,091	1,005	1,097	1,077	1,016	1,049	912	1,020	12,948

<sup>1</sup>This represents 46 reporting physicians



**Table 1.2**  
**Abortions by Month and Provider, 2008**

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
Physician XX	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Physician YY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Physician ZZ	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician AB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Physician AC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Physician AD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Physician AE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician AF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Physician AG	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	5
Physician AH	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Physician AI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Physician AJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician AK	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	5
Physician AL	38	30	28	31	29	36	39	22	29	37	29	31	379
Physician AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
Physician AN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Physician AO	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician AP	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Physician AQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Physician AR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Physician AS	19	12	13	10	33	14	17	10	6	15	6	7	162
Physician AT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Physician AU	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Physician AV	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician AW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Physician AX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	2	21	46
Physician AY	28	26	9	10	22	0	0	32	17	13	0	16	173
Physician AZ	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Physician BC	10	17	20	14	16	13	14	12	14	11	20	15	176
Physician BD	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Physician BE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician BF	64	56	17	0	0	0	0	16	42	0	10	25	230
Physician BG	41	43	36	42	33	37	40	44	40	30	33	42	461
Physician BH	27	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	44
Physician BI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Physician BJ	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	11
Physician BK	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	2	12
Physician BL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
Physician BM	12	12	12	12	5	4	12	29	13	2	1	0	114
Physician BN	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	10	3	7	0	29
Physician BO	100	92	90	61	75	103	71	73	105	57	42	119	988
Physician BP	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	25
Physician BQ	293	281	277	197	220	199	253	187	221	237	207	180	2,752
Physician BR	137	121	111	111	119	106	120	108	85	99	113	109	1,339
Physician BS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Physician BT	84	80	57	75	57	51	64	72	30	64	74	84	792
Physician BU	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Physician BV	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
Physician BW	42	31	42	49	0	31	36	55	56	40	41	0	423



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Physician BX	59	52	44	41	73	60	13	54	66	60	34	45	601
Physician BY	60	43	72	35	56	43	68	46	15	74	22	80	614
Physician BZ	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician CD	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician CE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total MN	1,291	1,176	1,158	1,056	1,091	1,005	1,097	1,077	1,016	1,049	912	1,020	12,948

**Table 2**  
**Medical Specialty of Physician, 2008**

Obstetrics & Gynecology	7,385
Emergency Medicine	1
General/Family Practice	5,561
Other/Unspecified	1
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Total	12,948

**Table 3**  
**Type of Admission, 2008**

Clinic	10,889
Outpatient Hospital	727
Inpatient Hospital	32
Ambulatory Surgery	4
Other/Not Specified	1,296
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Total Minnesota Occurrence	12,948

**Table 4**  
**Age of Woman, 2008**

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
< 15 Years	50	48
15 - 17 Years	595	547
18 - 19 Years	1,262	1,134
20 - 24 Years	4,308	3,953
25 - 29 Years	3,304	3,050
30 - 34 Years	1,813	1,685
35 - 39 Years	1,152	1,060
40 Years & Over	464	419
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Total	12,948	11,896

**Table 5**  
**Marital Status, 2008**

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
Married	1,903	1,725
Not Married	10,717	9,861
Not Reported	328	310
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Total	12,948	11,896

**Table 6**  
**Country/State of Residence, 2008**

Minnesota	11,896
Other States	
Iowa	22
Michigan	33
North Dakota	54
South Dakota	39
Wisconsin	840
Other States	54
Canada	4
Other Foreign Countries	5
Not Reported	1
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Total MN Occurrence	12,948

**Table 7**  
**County of Residence for Women Residing in Minnesota, 2008**

State Total	11,896		
Aitkin	13	Marshall	*
Anoka	819	Martin	19
Becker	8	Meeker	16
Beltrami	37	Mille Lacs	33
Benton	68	Morrison	23
Big Stone	*	Mower	63
Blue Earth	139	Murray	*
Brown	32	Nicollet	56
Carlton	55	Nobles	6
Carver	122	Norman	*
Cass	23	Olmsted	268
Chippewa	*	Otter Tail	11
Chisago	84	Pennington	6
Clay	7	Pine	35
Clearwater	*	Pipestone	*
Cook	7	Polk	9
Cottonwood	9	Pope	*
Crow Wing	81	Ramsey	2,031
Dakota	966	Red Lake	*
Dodge	20	Redwood	7
Douglas	18	Renville	14
Faribault	9	Rice	92
Fillmore	18	Rock	*
Freeborn	40	Roseau	*
Goodhue	55	Saint Louis	397
Grant	*	Scott	269
Hennepin	4,379	Sherburne	109
Houston	20	Sibley	11
Hubbard	*	Stearns	221
Isanti	57	Steele	46
Itasca	36	Stevens	*
Jackson	7	Swift	10
Kanabec	12	Todd	11
Kandiyohi	43	Traverse	*
Kittson	*	Wabasha	16
Koochiching	21	Wadena	*
Lac Qui Parle	*	Waseca	14
Lake	11	Washington	484
Lake of the Woods	*	Watonwan	18
Le Sueur	43	Wilkin	*
Lincoln	*	Winona	61
Lyon	19	Wright	172
McLeod	37	Yellow Medicine	7
Mahnomen	*	Unknown County	0

\*Counts of 0 to 5 are indicated by an asterisk.

**Table 8**  
**Hispanic Origin of Woman, 2008**

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
Non-Hispanic	11,897	10,881
Hispanic	789	765
Not Reported	262	250
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Total	12,948	11,896

**Table 9**  
**Race of Woman, 2008**

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
White	8,000	7,054
Black	2,966	2,934
American Indian	318	292
Asian	912	886
Other	548	533
Not Reported	204	197
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Total	12,948	11,896

**Table 10**  
**Education Level of Woman, 2008**

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
8th Grade or Less	264	253
Some High School	1,516	1,424
High School Graduate	4,501	4,069
Some College	3,471	3,161
College Graduate	1,395	1,272
Graduate Level	621	570
Not Reported	1,180	1,147
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Total	12,948	11,896

**Table 11**  
**Clinical Estimate of Fetal Gestational Age, 2008**

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
<9 weeks	8,527	7,868
9 - 10 weeks	1,910	1,746
11 - 12 weeks	1,041	949
13 - 15 weeks	738	672
16 - 20 weeks	668	601
21 - 24 weeks	58	54
25 - 30 weeks	6	6
31 - 36 weeks	0	0
37 weeks & over	0	0
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Total	12,948	11,896



**Table 11a**  
**Clinical Estimate of Fetal Gestational Age, 2008**

<b>First Trimester</b>			<b>Second Trimester</b>			<b>Third Trimester</b>		
<u>Estimated Week</u>	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>	<u>Estimated Week</u>	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>	<u>Estimated Week</u>	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
<3	17	17	14	212	185	28	0	0
3	8	7	15	144	140	29	1	1
4	205	184	16	110	99	30	1	1
5	1,188	1,103	17	149	141	31	0	0
6	2,740	2,549	18	140	123	32	0	0
7	2,643	2,422	19	161	142	33	0	0
8	1,726	1,586	20	108	96	34	0	0
9	1,171	1,074	21	48	45	35	0	0
10	739	672	22	8	7	36	0	0
11	606	554	23	2	2	37	0	0
12	435	395	24	0	0	38	0	0
13	382	347	25	3	3	39	0	0
			26	0	0	40+	0	0
			27	1	1			
Trimester Total	11,860	10,910		1,086	984		2	2
Total Induced Abortions:			Occurring in Minnesota:	12,948	Minnesota Residents:	11,896		

**Table 12**  
**Prior Pregnancies, 2008**

Number of Previous Live Births

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
None	5,399	4,866
One	3,214	2,966
Two	2,512	2,339
Three	1,093	1,028
Four	434	412
Five	152	145
Six	67	65
Seven	31	31
Eight	15	14
Nine or more	18	18
Not Reported	13	12

Number of Previous Spontaneous Abortions (Miscarriages)

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
None	10,748	9,821
One	1,647	1,554
Two	380	358
Three	111	103
Four	29	28
Five	20	19
Six	11	11
Seven	1	1
Eight	1	1
Nine or more	0	0
Not Reported	0	0

Number of Previous Induced Abortions

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
None	7,673	6,927
One	3,114	2,896
Two	1,238	1,177
Three	474	458
Four	223	218
Five	94	93
Six	60	57
Seven	35	33
Eight	15	15
Nine or more	22	22
Not Reported	0	0

**Table 13**  
**Contraceptive Use and Method\*, 2008**

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
Woman did not provide information	196	187
Woman did not know whether she used contraception	69	64
Woman has never used contraceptives	507	480
Woman has used contraceptives, but not at the time of conception	8,231	7,552
Woman used contraceptives at the time of conception	3,945	3,613
<b>Method Used</b>		
Condoms	1,949	1,798
Condoms & Spermicide	38	35
Spermicide Alone	51	47
Sterilization - Male	22	20
Sterilization - Female	3	3
Injectable (Depo-Provera)	46	45
IUD	33	29
Mini Pills	32	29
Combination Pills	964	853
Diaphragm & Spermicide	6	6
Diaphragm Alone	3	3
Cervical Cap	0	0
Rhythm/Natural Family Planning	88	82
Fertility Awareness	5	5
Withdrawal	170	162
Other	495	459
Method Not Reported	40	37

\*The accuracy of reporting 'Use of Contraceptives at the Time of Conception' is dependent upon self-reporting by the woman. Thus, ***these data should not be interpreted as an indication of the effectiveness of any particular method of birth control.***

**Table 14**  
**Abortion Procedure, 2008**

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
Suction Curettage	9,832	9,010
Medical (non-surgical)	2,226	2,080
Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)	844	763
Intra-Uterine Instillation	8	7
Hysterectomy/otomy	2	2
Sharp Curettage (D&C)	19	18
Induction of Labor (Pitocin, etc.)	15	14
Intact Dilation & Extraction (D&X)	0	0
Other Dilation & Extraction (D&X)	1	1
Other Method	1	1
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Total	12,948	11,896

**Table 15**  
**Method of Disposal of Fetal Remains, 2008**

	Occurring in <u>Minnesota</u>	Minnesota <u>Residents</u>
Cremation	7,598	6,856
Burial	26	23
Not Reported*	5,324	5,017
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Total	12,948	11,896

\* 'Method of Disposal of Fetal Remains' is required to be reported only for those fetuses having reached the developmental stage outlined in Minnesota Statute 145.1621, subd. 2. Thus, not all reports contained this information.

**Table 16**  
**Payment Type and Health Insurance Coverage, 2008**

<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>				
	<u>Fee for Service</u>	<u>Capitated</u>	<u>Other/Unknown and No Response</u>	<u>Total</u>
Private Coverage	627	555	1,749	2,931
Public Assistance	466	1,263 **	2,135	3,864
Self Pay	-	-	6,149	6,149
Unknown	-	-	4	4
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Total	1,093	1,818	10,037	12,948
 <u>Minnesota Residents</u>				
	<u>Fee for Service</u>	<u>Capitated</u>	<u>Other/Unknown and No Response</u>	<u>Total</u>
Private Coverage	586	532	1,681	2,799
Public Assistance	464	1,259 **	2,117	3,840
Self Pay	-	-	5,253	5,253
Unknown	-	-	4	4
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Total	1,050	1,791	9,055	11,896

\*\*Denotes enrollment in managed care as reported by the provider or the client. Although a client may be covered under a capitated public assistance plan, i.e. 'managed care', all abortion services are paid under fee-for-service.

**Table 17**  
**Reason for Abortion\*, 2008**

	<u>Occurring in Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota Residents</u>
Pregnancy was a result of rape	76	67
Pregnancy was a result of incest	12	12
Economic reasons	4,254	3,984
Does not want children at this time	9,368	8,675
Emotional health is at stake	848	792
Physical Health is at stake	627	574
Continued pregnancy will cause impairment of major bodily function	34	29
Pregnancy resulted in fetal anomalies	150	134
Unknown or the woman refused to answer	1,440	1,264
Other stated reason	2,891 **	2,629

\*Note: No totals are given because a woman may have given more than one response.

\*\*See Table 17a

**Table 17a**  
**Other Stated Reason for Abortion, 2008**

Single parent of one or more children	941
Education goals; desire to finish high school and/or college	691
Already have children, do not intend to have more	346
Relationship issues, including abuse, separation, and extra-marital affairs	270
Other miscellaneous responses	1,529
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Total*	3,777

\*Total is greater than 'Other Stated Reason' total on Table 17 because some women stated more than one other reason.



**Table 18**  
**Intraoperative Complications\*, 2008**

	Occurring in <u>Minnesota</u>	Minnesota <u>Residents</u>
No Complications	12,926	11,876
Cervical laceration requiring suture or repair	6	6
Heavy bleeding/hemorrhage with estimated blood loss in excess of 500cc	8	6
Uterine perforation	0	0
Other complication	6	6
Not Reported**	2	2
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Total	12,948	11,896

\*Complication occurring at the time of the abortion procedure

**Table 19**  
**Postoperative Complications\*, 2008**  
 reported on **Report of Complication from Induced Abortion** form

Cervical laceration requiring suture or repair	0
Heavy bleeding/hemorrhage with estimated blood loss in excess of 500cc	4
Uterine perforation	1
Infection requiring inpatient treatment	6
Heavy bleeding/anemia requiring transfusion	2
Failed termination of pregnancy (continued viable pregnancy)	17
Incomplete termination of pregnancy (retained products of conception requiring re-evacuation)	65
Other complication	32
Complication not indicated	5
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Total Reported Complications	132 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>123 'Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion' forms were received.

\*Neither location where the abortion was performed nor residence of patient is collected on the *Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion*. Therefore, these numbers cannot be directly correlated with counts of induced abortions in an attempt to seek a ratio of complications per procedure.

**Table 20**  
**Induced Abortions by Gestational Age**  
**Performed Out of State and Paid for with State Funds<sup>1</sup>**  
 reported by the Minnesota Department of Human Services, 2008

<9 weeks	41
9 - 10 weeks	41
11 - 12 weeks	33
13 - 15 weeks	25
16 - 20 weeks	1
21 - 24 weeks	0
25 - 30 weeks	0
31 - 36 weeks	0
37 weeks & over	0
Unknown	0
Total Occurrence	141
Total state funds used to pay for out of state abortion procedures, including incidental expenses	\$32,550.54

<sup>1</sup>All procedures occurred within the local trade area, that is, the "geographic area surrounding the person's residence, including portions of states other than Minnesota, which is commonly used by other persons in the same area to obtain similar necessary goods and services."

**Table 21**  
**Total and Resident Induced Abortions**  
**1975 - 2008**

	<u>Occurring in</u> <u>Minnesota</u>	<u>Minnesota</u> <u>Residents</u>	<u>Resident</u> <u>Percent</u>	<u>Resident</u> <u>Rate</u> <sup>1</sup>
1975	10,565	8,924	84.5	10.3
1976	14,124	11,109	78.7	12.5
1977	15,532	13,036	83.9	14.4
1978	17,262	14,521	84.1	15.6
1979	18,672	15,647	83.8	16.4
1980	19,028	16,490	86.7	17.2
1981	18,304	15,821	86.4	16.3
1982	17,758	15,559	87.6	15.8
1983	16,428	14,514	88.3	14.7
1984	17,314	15,556	89.8	15.7
1985	17,686	16,002	90.5	16.1
1986	17,383	15,716	90.4	15.8
1987	17,653	15,746	89.2	15.7
1988	17,975	16,124	89.7	15.8
1989	17,398	15,506	89.1	15.1
1990	17,156	15,280	89.1	14.9
1991	16,178	14,441	89.3	13.9
1992	15,546	13,846	89.1	13.1
1993	14,348	12,955	90.3	12.1
1994	14,027	12,702	90.6	11.8
1995	14,017	12,715	90.7	12.1
1996	14,193	12,876	90.7	12.1
1997	14,224	12,997	91.4	12.4
1998	14,422	13,050	90.5	12.4
1999	14,342	13,037	90.9	12.4
2000	14,477	13,208	91.2	12.2
2001	14,833	13,448	90.7	12.3
2002	14,239	12,953	91.0	11.8
2003	14,174	12,995	91.7	11.9
2004	13,788	12,753	92.5	11.6
2005	13,365	12,306	92.1	11.3
2006	14,065	12,948	92.1	12.1
2007	13,843	12,770	92.2	12.1
2008	12,948	11,896	91.9	11.2 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Rate per 1,000 female population ages 15 through 44

<sup>2</sup>2008 population estimates not available at time of publication. 2007 estimate was used.

**Table 22**  
**Abortions per 100 Live Births by Selected Patient Characteristics**  
**Minnesota Residents; 1980, 1990, 2000, 2004-2008**

	1980	1990	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007 <sup>3</sup>	2008 <sup>4</sup>
Total Resident Abortions	24.3	22.5	19.6	18.1	17.4	17.6	17.3	16.5
<b>Age Group*</b>								
<15 Years	231.1	68.1	71.3	71.4	79.7	93.1	77.6	75.0
15-17 Years	80.2 <sup>1</sup>	69.2	40.2	42.4	42.3	43.6	41.2	40.4
18-19 Years		57.5	39.5	36.3	36.0	34.4	34.7	32.8
20-24 Years	26.9	35.6	31.8	30.2	28.1	27.9	27.8	26.7
25-29 Years	11.7	14.1	15.6	14.0	13.6	14.0	13.6	13.1
30-34 Years	10.8	11.2	10.5	9.6	9.6	9.9	9.5	9.0
35-39 Years	19.8	18.3	13.7	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.9	12.4
40 Years & Over	41.9	35.9	28.2	22.8	19.5	20.7	20.9	22.7
<b>Race of Patient*</b>								
White	22.5	20.9	14.5	14.4	13.9	14.1	13.5	13.7
African American	n/a	n/a	60.3	53.2	48.5	47.5	47.8	44.1
American Indian	n/a	n/a	26.3	20.6	20.9	15.9	20.4	20.4
Asian	n/a	n/a	34.8	23.1	21.4	21.3	18.4	17.9
All Other <sup>2</sup>	45.1	33.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic	n/a	n/a	18.4	14.4	13.3	12.8	14.2	13.4
<b>Marital Status*</b>								
Married	3.5	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.6
Not Married	159.3	48.4	56.9	50.9	48.2	46.0	43.9	41.3

\*Unknowns are not included in ratios

<sup>1</sup>Ratio is for age 15-19. Separate data for 15-17 and 18-19 is not available for 1980.

<sup>2</sup>Race/Ethnicity data was collected differently prior to 1999, thus ratios are not available for individual categories other than 'White'.

<sup>3</sup>Figures have been updated from those published in the 2007 table with finalized 2007 birth data.

<sup>4</sup>Preliminary birth counts are used as 2008 data is not yet finalized at the time of this publication.

**Table 23**  
**Selected Statistics by Age Group, 2008**  
**Minnesota Residents**

	Total	<15 Years	15 - 17 Years	18 - 19 Years	20 - 24 Years	25 - 29 Years	30 - 34 Years	35 - 39 Years	40+ Years	Unkwn Age
Total Abortions	11,896	48	547	1,134	3,953	3,050	1,685	1,060	419	0
Marital Status:										
Married	1,725	0	1	14	198	450	478	398	186	0
Not Married	9,861	48	543	1,107	3,662	2,511	1,144	629	217	0
Unknown	310	0	3	13	93	89	63	33	16	0
Race/Ethnicity:										
White	7,054	20	336	660	2,372	1,769	932	675	290	0
African American	2,934	17	124	289	1,015	801	430	209	49	0
American Indian	292	5	13	41	106	65	35	17	10	0
Asian	886	3	29	61	207	241	180	113	52	0
Hispanic*	765	2	42	78	254	185	126	61	17	0
Gestation Estimate: **										
First Trimester	10,910	39	486	1,021	3,621	2,808	1,565	988	382	0
Second Trimester	984	9	61	113	332	241	120	72	36	0
Third Trimester	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*Persons of Hispanic origin are included in the race counts above.

\*\*1<sup>st</sup> Trimester: 0-13 weeks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester: 14-27 weeks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester: 28-40+ weeks

**Table 24**  
**Contraceptive Use by Age Group and Marital Status, 2008**  
**Minnesota Residents**

	All Induced Abortions					Women with at Least One Prior Induced Abortion				
	Total	Never Used	Past Use, Not Now	Was Using	Unknown	Total	Never Used	Past Use, Not Now	Was Using	Unknown
Total Abortions	11,896	480	7,552	3,613	251	4,972	85	3,197	1,583	107
<b>Age Group:</b>										
<15 Years	48	16	20	12	0	4	1	1	2	0
15-17 Years	547	87	270	180	10	42	2	27	13	0
18-19 Years	1,134	60	744	309	21	195	2	135	51	
20-24 Years	3,953	129	2,574	1,177	73	1,437	25	931	457	24
25-29 Years	3,050	95	1,965	925	65	1,566	22	1,018	494	32
30-34 Years	1,685	57	1,054	538	36	941	19	592	307	23
35-39 Years	1,060	22	675	332	31	581	8	367	193	13
40+ Years	419	14	250	140	15	206	6	126	66	8
Unknown Age	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Marital Status:</b>										
Married	1,725	64	1,068	530	63	737	14	458	246	19
Not Married	9,861	389	6,284	3,011	177	4,047	56	2,620	1,291	80
Unknown	310	27	200	72	11	185	12	119	46	8

**Table 25**  
**Medical Risks Information**  
**Report of Informed Consent for Induced Abortion, 2008**

<u>Contact Method</u>	<u>Referring Physician</u>	<u>Physician Performing Abortion</u>	<u>Total</u>
Telephone	8,885	4,490	13,375
In Person	1,850	462	2,312
Total Contacts	10,735	4,952	15,687
Information not provided:			
immediate abortion necessary to avert death			1
delay would create serious risk of substantial impairment			2
fetal anomaly: patient chose perinatal hospice services			5
Medical Risks Information section was left blank			17
Total reports received			15,712



**Table 26**  
**Medical Assistance and Printed Materials Information**  
**Report of Informed Consent for Induced Abortion, 2008**

<u>Contact Method</u>	<u>Referring Physician</u>	<u>Agent of Referring Physician</u>	<u>Physician Performing Abortion</u>	<u>Agent of Physician Performing Abortion</u>	<u>Total</u>
Telephone	86	5,366	1,739	6,155	13,346
In Person	60	1,776	47	452	2,335
Total Contacts	146	7,142	1,786	6,607	15,681
Information not provided:					
immediate abortion necessary to avert death					1
delay would create serious risk of substantial impairment					2
fetal anomaly incompatible with life					8
Medical Assistance & Printed Materials Information section was left blank					20
Total reports received					15,712

**Table 27**  
**Patient Access to Printed Materials**  
**Report of Informed Consent for Induced Abortion, 2008**

	<u>Obtained Abortion</u>	<u>Did Not Obtain Abortion</u>	<u>Do Not Know</u>	<u>Total</u>
Patient obtained printed copies	234	7	84	325
Patient did not obtain printed copies	12,072	104	3,188	15,364
Total	12,306	111	3,272	15,689
Patient Access to Printed Materials section was left blank				23
Total reports received				15,712

# **Appendix**

## **Definitions**

### **Induced Abortion:**

The purposeful interruption of an intrauterine pregnancy with the intention other than to produce a live-born infant, and which does not result in a live birth. This definition excludes management of prolonged retention of products of conception following a fetal death.

### **Fetal Death:**

Death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction of a product of conception from its mother, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy. The death is indicated by the fact that, after such expulsion or extraction, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles.

### **Fetal Remains:**

MN Statutes 145.1621, subd 2: "the remains of a dead offspring of a human being that has reached a stage of development so that there are cartilaginous structures, fetal or skeletal parts after an abortion or miscarriage, whether or not the remains have been obtained by induced, spontaneous, or accidental means."

### **Method of Abortion:**

Suction Curettage: Mechanical dilation of the cervix with removal of the uterine contents by low pressure suction created by an electric suction pump.

Medical: Administration of medication to induce abortion. This does not include administration of morning-after pills or post-coital IUD insertion.

Dilation & Evacuation: Dilation of the cervix by insertion of laminaria several hours before removal of uterine contents by suction and/or sharp curettage.

Intra-Uterine Instillation: Induction of labor by injection of a sterile saline or prostaglandin (a naturally occurring hormone) solution into the amniotic sac. Laminaria are often inserted in the cervix several hours before the injection to aid dilation.

Hysterectomy/otomy: Removal of the fetus by means of a surgical incision made in the uterine wall. In the case of a hysterectomy, the entire uterus is removed.

Sharp Curettage: Mechanical dilation of the cervix with removal of uterine contents by scraping the uterine wall with a surgical curette.

Induction of Labor: Induction of labor by means of Pitocin and/or related medications which causes uterine contractions and expulsion of uterine contents.

Dilation & Extraction: Dilation of the cervix and removal of fetal tissues

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<b>1. Facility Reporting Code</b> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<b>2. Physician Reporting Code</b> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<b>3. Medical Specialty of the Physician Performing the Induced Abortion</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Obstetrics & Gynecology <input type="checkbox"/> General/Family Practice <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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**4. Type of Admission**  
 Clinic     Outpatient hospital     Inpatient hospital     Ambulatory surgery     Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Patient Age at Last Birthday**        **6. Married**     Yes     No

**7. Date of Pregnancy Termination**    \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Month,                      Day,                      Year

**8. Patient Residence**  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code:

<b>9. Of Hispanic Origin</b> <i>Specify No or Yes. If yes, specify, Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Specify): _____	<b>10. Race</b> <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): _____	<b>11. Education</b> <i>(Specify only highest grade completed)</i> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> Elementary/Secondary (0-12)  <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> College (1-4 or 5+)
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<b>12. Date Last Normal Menses Began</b> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> Month, <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> Day, <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> Year	<b>13. Clinical Estimate of Gestation</b> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> (LMP Weeks)
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**14. Previous Pregnancies** (Complete each section)

<i>Live Births</i>		<i>Other Terminations</i>	
<b>14a. Now Living</b> Number <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> None	<b>14b. Now Dead</b> Number <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> None	<b>14c. Spontaneous</b> Number <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> None	<b>14d. Induced</b> (Do not include this abortion) Number <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> None

**15. Contraceptive Use at Time of Conception**

**A. Use Status:** (Check only one)  
 Unknown - patient did not know if they used a method. (Do not fill out Part B.)  
 Never used any contraceptive method (Do not fill out Part B.)  
 Has used contraception, but not at the estimated time of conception. (Do not fill out Part B.)  
 Method used at time of conception. (Fill out PART B, METHOD USED.)  
 Patient did not provide information.

**B. Method Used:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Condoms <input type="checkbox"/> Condoms & Spermicide <input type="checkbox"/> Spermicide alone <input type="checkbox"/> Sterilization (M) <input type="checkbox"/> Sterilization (F) <input type="checkbox"/> Injectable (Depo-Provera) <input type="checkbox"/> IUD <input type="checkbox"/> Mini Pills	<input type="checkbox"/> Combination Pills <input type="checkbox"/> Diaphragm & Spermicide <input type="checkbox"/> Diaphragm alone <input type="checkbox"/> Cervical cap <input type="checkbox"/> Rhythm/Natural Fam. Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Fertility Awareness <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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**16. Type of Abortion Procedure** (Check only one)

- Suction Curettage
- Medical (Nonsurgical),

Specify Medication(s) \_\_\_\_\_ → Does not include administration of morning after pills or post coital IUD insertion.

- Dilation and Evacuation (D&E)
- Intra-Uterine Instillation (Saline or Prostaglandin)
- Hysterectomy/otomy
- Sharp Curettage (D&C)
- Induction of Labor (Pitocin, etc.)
- Intact Dilation and Extraction (D&X)
- Other Dilation and Extraction (D&X)
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**17. Intraoperative Complication(s) from Induced Abortion**

Complications that occur during and immediately following the procedure, before patient has left facility.

(Check all that apply)

- No complication(s)
- Cervical laceration requiring suture or repair
- Heavy bleeding/hemorrhage with estimated blood loss of  $\geq 500$ cc
- Uterine perforation
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*For post-operative complications, please refer to the REPORT OF COMPLICATION(S) FROM INDUCED ABORTION

**18. Method of Disposal for Fetal Remains** (Check only one)

- Cremation
- Interment by burial

**19. Type of Payment** (Check only one)

- Private coverage
- Public assistance health coverage
- Self pay

**20. Type of Health Coverage** (Check only one)

- Fee for service plan
- Capitated private plan
- Other/Unknown

**21. Specific Reason for the Abortion** (Check all that apply)

- Pregnancy was a result of rape
- Pregnancy was a result of incest
- Economic reasons
- Does not want children at this time
- Emotional health is at stake
- Physical health is at stake
- Will suffer substantial and irreversible impairment of major bodily function if the pregnancy continues
- Pregnancy resulted in fetal anomalies
- Unknown or the woman refused to answer
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



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## REPORT OF INDUCED ABORTION

### Mandated reporters

All physicians or facilities that perform induced abortions by medical or surgical methods.

### Induced abortion defined

For purpose of these reports, induced abortion means the purposeful interruption of an intrauterine pregnancy with the intention other than to produce a live-born infant, and which does not result in a live birth. This definition excludes management of prolonged retention of products of conception following fetal death.

### Importance of induced abortion reporting

Reports of induced abortion are not legal records and are not maintained permanently in the files of the State office of vital statistics. However, the data they provide are very important from both a demographic and a public health viewpoint. Data from reports of induced abortion provide unique information on the characteristics of women having induced abortions. Uniform annual data of such quality are nowhere else available. Medical and health information is provided to evaluate risks associated with induced abortion at various lengths of gestation and by the type of abortion procedure used. Information on the characteristics of the women is used to evaluate the impact that induced abortion has on the birth rate, teenage pregnancy, and out-of-wedlock births. Because these abortion data provide information necessary to promote and monitor health, it is important that the reports be completed carefully.

### Physician and patient confidentiality

According to MN Statutes §145.4134, the commissioner shall issue a public report providing statistics for the previous calendar year compiled from the data submitted under sections 145.4131 to 145.4133. Each report shall provide the statistics for all previous calendar years, adjusted to reflect any additional information from late or corrected reports. The commissioner shall ensure that none of the information included in the public reports can reasonably lead to identification of an individual having performed or having had an abortion. All data included on the forms under sections 145.4131 to 145.4133 must be included in the public report except that the commissioner shall maintain as confidential data which alone or in combination may constitute information from which, using epidemiologic principles, an individual having performed or having had an abortion may be identified. Service cannot be contingent upon a patient's answering, or refusing to answer, questions on this form.

#### MINNESOTA STATE LAW

##### ARTICLE 10, HEALTH DATA REPORTING

§145.4131 [RECORDING AND REPORTING ABORTION DATA.] Subdivision 1. [FORMS.] (a) Within 90 days of the effective date of this section, the commissioner shall prepare a reporting form for use by physicians or facilities performing abortions. A copy of this section shall be attached to the form. A physician or facility performing an abortion shall obtain a form from the commissioner. (b) The form shall require the following information: (1) the number of abortions performed by the physician in the previous calendar year, reported by month; (2) the method used for each abortion; (3) the approximate gestational age expressed in one of the following increments: (i) less than nine weeks; (ii) nine to ten weeks; (iii) 11 to 12 weeks; (iv) 13 to 15 weeks; (v) 16 to 20 weeks; (vi) 21 to 24 weeks; (vii) 25 to 30 weeks; (viii) 31 to 36 weeks; or (ix) 37 weeks to term; (4) the age of the woman at the time the abortion was performed; (5) the specific reason for the abortion, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) the pregnancy was a result of rape; (ii) the pregnancy was a result of incest; (iii) economic reasons; (iv) the woman does not want children at this time; (v) the woman's emotional health is at stake; (vi) the woman's physical health is at stake; (vii) the woman will suffer substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function if the pregnancy continues; (viii) the pregnancy resulted in fetal anomalies; or (ix) unknown or the woman refused to answer; (6) the number of prior induced abortions; (7) the number of prior spontaneous abortions; (8) whether the abortion was paid for by: (i) private coverage; (ii) public assistance health coverage; or (iii) self-pay; (9) whether coverage was under: (i) a fee-for-service plan; (ii) a capitated private plan; or (iii) other; (10) complications, if any, for each abortion and for the aftermath of each abortion. Space for a description of any complications shall be available on the form; and (11) the medical specialty of the physician performing the abortion. Subd. 2. SUBMISSION.] A physician performing an abortion or a facility at which an abortion is performed shall complete and submit the form to the commissioner no later than April 1 for abortions performed in the previous calendar year. The annual report to the commissioner shall include the methods used to dispose of fetal tissue and remains. Subd. 3. [ADDITIONAL REPORTING.] Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the voluntary or required submission of other reports or forms regarding abortions.

# REPORTING PROCEDURE

## COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

### 1. Reporting by physician or facility

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Center for Health Statistics, encourages physicians and facilities to develop internal policies for the completion and submission of the Report of Induced Abortion. MDH recommends that these policies designate either the physician or the facility as having the overall responsibility and authority to see that the report is completed and filed on time. This may help prevent duplicate reporting and failure to report. If facilities take the responsibility to report on behalf of their physicians MDH suggests the following reporting procedure:

- \* Notify physicians that the facility will be reporting on their behalf.
- \* Call the Minnesota Center for Health Statistics for assignment of facility reporting codes and physician reporting codes (See instructions #2-3).
- \* Assign physician reporting codes to physicians and maintain a list of these assignments.
- \* Develop efficient procedures for prompt preparation and filing of the reports.
- \* Collect and record the information required by the report.
- \* Prepare a correct and legible report for each abortion performed.
- \* Submit the reports to the Minnesota Center for Health Statistics within the time specified by the law.
- \* Cooperate with the Minnesota Center for Health Statistics concerning queries on report entries.
- \* Call on the Minnesota Center for Health Statistics for advice and assistance when necessary.

If a facility decides not to report on behalf of their physicians, or for physicians who perform induced abortions outside a hospital, clinic, or other institution, the physician performing the abortion is responsible for obtaining a physician reporting code from MDH (See instruction #3), collecting all of the necessary data, completing the report, and filing it with the Minnesota Center for Health Statistics within the time period specified by law (See instruction #7).

### 2. Facility reporting codes

All facilities reporting on behalf of physicians must be assigned a reporting code from MDH. This code is in addition to individual physician reporting codes (See instruction #3). Facilities must submit a name and address to receive a facility code. For facilities that have been reporting to MDH prior to October 1, 1998, already have a facility reporting code and may continue to use the same code for future reporting.

### 3. Physician reporting codes

All physicians must be assigned a reporting code in order to submit a Report of Induced Abortion. Reports submitted without a physician reporting code will be considered incomplete. To obtain a code, physicians, or facilities reporting on behalf of physicians (See instruction # 1), must call MDH to be assigned one code per physician. MDH will require that a valid mailing address be provided for the purposes of keying the reporting code, but no other identifying information will be asked or accepted. Addresses provided may be a business address, or an address established by the physician or facility, such as a PO Box. If facilities are reporting on behalf of their physicians, the facility address may be used for the physician address.

### 4. One report per induced termination of pregnancy

Complete one report for each termination of pregnancy procedure performed.

### 5. Criterion for a complete report

All items on the report should have a response, even if the response is "0, "None," "Unknown," or "Refuse to Answer."

### 6. "Reason for abortion" question

MDH recommends that Item #21 on the report be reviewed with each patient. All responses can be reviewed with the patient before completing the question. If this question is transcribed to another piece of paper, or read to the patient, the question must be copied or read exactly as it is worded on the Report of Induced Abortion. If the patient does not complete the question because she refuses to answer, then the facility or physician must check the appropriate response, which is "Refuse to answer."

### 7. Method of disposal for fetal remains

Reporters should be informed that this question applies to disposal of fetal remains as defined under MN Statutes §145.1621, subd.2.

### 8. Submission dates

Reports should be completed and submitted to the Center for Health Statistics as soon as possible following each procedure. MDH encourages facilities and physicians to submit reports on a monthly basis, but the final date for submitting reports is April 1 of the following year (e.g., all reports for procedures done in 1998 are due by April 1, 1999). (MN Statutes 1998, §145.411)





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### REPORT OF COMPLICATION(S) FROM INDUCED ABORTION

A. Facility where patient was attended for complication: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City

B. Physician who treated patient's complication: (See instruction #1)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or Physician code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

C. Medical specialty of physician who treated patient's complication: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Date complication was diagnosed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

E. Exact date, or patient recall of the date, the induced abortion was performed:

\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_ Year (Please indicate numeric day, month, and year. If only month and/or year is known, please indicate in the spaces provided.)

F. Clinical or patient's estimate of gestation at time of induced abortion: \_\_\_\_\_ (weeks)

G. Has patient acknowledged being seen previously by another provider for the same complication?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

- 1. Cervical laceration requiring suture or repair
- 2. Heavy bleeding/hemorrhage with estimated blood loss of >=500 cc
- 3. Uterine Perforation
- 4. Infection requiring inpatient treatment
- 5. Heavy bleeding/anemia requiring transfusion
- 6. Failed termination of pregnancy (Continued viable pregnancy)
- 7. Incomplete termination of pregnancy (Retained products of conception requiring re-evacuation)
- 8. Other (May include psychological complications, future reproductive complications, or other illnesses or injuries that in the physician's medical judgment occurred as a result of an induced abortion. Please specify diagnosis.)

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# INSTRUCTIONS

**MANDATED REPORTERS:** Any physician licensed and practicing in the state who knowingly encounters an illness or injury that, in the physician's medical judgment, is related to an induced abortion, or the facility where the illness or injury is encountered shall complete and submit the Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion.

**DEFINITION OF INDUCED ABORTION:** For the purpose of these reports, induced abortion means the purposeful interruption of an intrauterine pregnancy with the intention other than to produce a live-born infant, and which does not result in a live birth. This definition excludes management of prolonged retention of products of conception following fetal death.

## PROCEDURE FOR COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORMS:

### 1. Completion of items

All forms should have completed information for items A-G. Physicians may choose to use their name or a physician reporting code when submitting the Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion. To obtain a code, physicians, or facilities reporting on behalf of physicians (See instruction # 3), must call MDH to be assigned one code per physician. MDH will require that a valid mailing address be provided for the purposes of keying the reporting code, but no other identifying information will be asked or accepted. Addresses provided may be a business address, or an address established by the physician or facility, such as a PO Box. If facilities are reporting on behalf of their physicians, the facility address may be used for the physician address. **Please note: physicians who perform abortions should use the same physician reporting code when submitting the Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion and the Report of Induced Abortion.**

### 2. Reporting complications not indicated on the current list

The category "Other" should be used for any diagnosed complications that are not part of the current list. The current complications list includes those complications that are supported both in the medical literature and by clinical opinion as being directly associated with induced abortion. Because there are clinical opinions and data that suggest that there may be more complications associated with induced abortion, the "Other" category is provided to capture those types of complications. If "Other" is used, be sure to clearly state the diagnosed complication in the space provided.

### 3. Reporting by physician or facility

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Center for Health Statistics, encourages physicians and facilities to develop internal policies for the completion and submission of the Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion. These policies should designate either the individual physician or the facility as having the overall responsibility and authority to see that the reports are completed. This may help prevent duplicate reporting or a failure to report. When a complication from an induced abortion is encountered outside a hospital, clinic, or other institution, the physician who encounters the complication is responsible for obtaining all of the necessary data, completing the form, and filing it with the Center for Health Statistics.

### 4. Submission dates

The Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion, must be submitted by a physician or facility to the Center for Health Statistics as soon as practicable after the encounter with the abortion related illness or injury. (MN Statutes 1998, § 145.3132)

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Subd. 2. [REQUIRED REPORTING.] A physician licensed and practicing in the state who knowingly encounters an illness or injury that, in the physician's medical judgment, is related to an induced abortion or the facility where the illness or injury is encountered shall complete and submit an abortion complication reporting form to the commissioner.

Subd. 3. [SUBMISSION.] A physician or facility required to submit an abortion complication reporting form to the commissioner shall do so as soon as practicable after the encounter with the abortion related illness or injury.

Subd. 4. [ADDITIONAL REPORTING.] Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the voluntary or required submission of other reports or forms regarding abortion complications.



## REPORT OF INFORMED CONSENT RELATED TO INDUCED ABORTION

### ► Instructions

1. Reporting year is the year in which the required information was given to the patient.
2. Physician reporting code is required. This may be same code that is used for the "Report of Induced Abortion," but a separate code may be obtained. To obtain a code, contact the Minnesota Department of Health at 800-657-3900.

Reporting Year \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Reporting Code \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Risks Information

► Check one box in question 1.

1. *Method used to inform patient of:*

- (i) the particular medical risks associated with the particular abortion procedure to be employed including, when medically accurate, the risks of infection, hemorrhage, breast cancer, danger to subsequent pregnancies, and infertility;
- (ii) the probable gestation age of the unborn child at the time the abortion is to be performed;
- (iii) the medical risks associated with carrying her child to term; and
- (iv) for abortions after 20 weeks gestational, whether or not an anesthetic or analgesic would eliminate or alleviate organic pain to the unborn child caused by the particular method of abortion to be employed, the particular medical benefits and risks associated with the particular anesthetic or analgesic, and any additional cost of the procedure for the administration of the anesthetic or analgesic.

Telephone by:

- referring physician  
 physician who will perform the abortion

In Person by:

- referring physician  
 physician who will perform the abortion

Information not provided because:

- an immediate abortion was necessary to avert patient's death.  
 (Optional to write in the principal medical condition of the patient which would have caused the patient's death: \_\_\_\_\_)
- a delay would have created serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function. (Optional to write in the principal medical condition of the patient which would have caused the patient's impairment of a major bodily function: \_\_\_\_\_)
- the patient's unborn child was diagnosed with a fetal anomaly incompatible with life, the patient was informed of available perinatal hospice services and offered this care as an alternative to abortion, and the patient accepted perinatal hospice services.  
 (Optional to write in the anomaly diagnosed: \_\_\_\_\_)

### Medical Assistance and Printed Materials Information

► Check one box in question 2.

2. *Method used to inform patient that:*

- (i) medical assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care;
- (ii) the father is liable to assist in the support of her child, even in instances when the father has offered to pay for the abortion; and
- (iii) she has the right to review printed materials published by the Minnesota Department of Health and that these materials are available on a state-sponsored Web site, and what the Web site address is. (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/wrtk/handbook.html>)

Telephone by:

- referring physician  
 agent of referring physician (Optional to write in title of the agent [ex.- nurse, counselor, etc.]: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 physician performing abortion  
 agent of physician performing abortion (Optional to write in title of the agent [ex.- nurse, counselor, etc.]: \_\_\_\_\_)

In Person by:

- referring physician  
 agent of referring physician (Optional to write in title of the agent [ex.- nurse, counselor, etc.]: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 physician performing abortion  
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- a delay would have created serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.  
 (Optional to write in the principal medical condition of the patient which would have caused the patient's impairment of a major bodily function: \_\_\_\_\_)
- the patient's unborn child was diagnosed with a fetal anomaly incompatible with life.  
 (Optional to write in the anomaly diagnosed: \_\_\_\_\_)

### Patient Access to Printed Materials

► Check one box under *either* question 3A or question 3B.

3A. Patient availed herself of the opportunity to obtain a printed copy of materials published by the Minnesota Department of Health, other than on the web site **and** to the best of your knowledge:

- Patient went on to obtain an abortion (optional to check one of the next two boxes:  same facility  different facility)  
 Patient did not go on to obtain abortion.  
 Do not know if patient went on to obtain abortion.

3B. Patient did *not* avail herself of the opportunity to obtain a printed copy of materials published by the Minnesota Department of Health, other than on the web site **and** to the best of your knowledge:

- Patient went on to obtain an abortion (optional to check one of the next two boxes:  same facility  different facility)  
 Patient did not go on to obtain abortion.  
 Do not know if patient went on to obtain abortion.