

Developing clinician competence in manual vacuum aspiration abortion

[Amy Levi](#)

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA

[Lori Freedman](#)

Received: April 26, 2013; Accepted: April 30, 2013;

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.contraception.2013.04.084>

- [Abstract](#)
- [Full Text](#)

Thirty nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife and physician assistant trainees provided in depth interviews about their experience of training to develop competence in the provision of vacuum aspiration abortion. Their trainers identified achievement of competence over time as occurring earlier in the training process than trainees self-report of development of confidence. Analysis of their transcribed interviews revealed that confidence in one's competence is not one-dimensional. Clinician confidence was impacted by external factors such as feedback from trainers and experiences with complications, but there were important internal measures and strategies for confidence employed by clinicians as well.

Original article found online at: <http://www.contraceptionjournal.org/article/S0010-7824%2813%2900241-2/fulltext>