

Office termination of pregnancy by “menstrual aspiration”

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Abstract

A program of office menstrual aspiration was initiated in our institution in 1972. Since that time 1,443 patients have been admitted into the study. These patients were evaluated by age, marital status, gravidity, repeat pregnancy terminations, complications, and detailed tissue analysis as well as contraception utilized at the time of conception and following counseling after the procedure. A majority of these patients were less than 25 years old and single; 28% had had a previous termination and 51% a previous pregnancy. Pathologic evaluations revealed Arias-Stella reaction in 78%. When these data were compared to those of a similar group of women whose pregnancies were terminated in the hospital by suction curettage, it was found that the office procedure is comparatively safe and should therefore be the therapy of choice.

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