



TEENS AND ABORTION

Teens are the most vulnerable to complications from Abortions:

The following quotations are taken directly from medical and psychological studies on teen abortions:

About 20% of all abortions taking place in the U.S. today are performed on teens. Teenage abortion has been linked to a number of physical and psychological problems, including drug and alcohol abuse, suicide attempts and suicidal thoughts, and other self-destructive behaviors.

Types of Physical Complications:

The number and types of physical complications resulting from abortion are as diverse as the various abortion methods. Depending upon the type of abortion performed, physical complications can be as follows:

- Cervical tearing and laceration from the instruments
- Perforation of the uterus by instruments. This may require major surgery, including hysterectomy
- Scarring of the uterine lining by suction tubing, curette, or other instruments
- Infection, local and systemic
- Hemorrhage and shock, especially if the uterine artery is torn.
- Anesthesia toxicity from both general or local anesthesia, resulting in possible convulsions, cardio-respiratory arrest, and in extreme cases, death!
- Retained tissue, indicated by cramping, heavy bleeding, and infection.
- Post-abortal syndrome, referring to an enlarged, tender and soft uterus retaining blood clots, and
- Failure to recognize an ectopic pregnancy. This could lead to the rupture of a fallopian tube, hemorrhage and resulting infertility or death... If treatment is not provided in time!

Types of Psychological/Emotional Complications:

Most women experience immediate psychological problems from abortion. Other women repress feelings of guilt, delaying emotional reactions, sometime for quite a few years, and it is often triggered by their first planned pregnancy.

These complications include:

- Regret and being Sad
- Sudden and uncontrollable crying episodes.
- Deterioration of self-concept
- Sleep, appetite, and sexual disturbance.
- Reduced motivation
- Disruption in interpersonal relationships
- Extreme guilt and anxiety.
- Psychological “numbing” and
- Depression and thoughts of suicide

New Studies connect abortion to broader problems:

Suicide: Compared to pregnant women who had their babies, pregnant women who aborted were 6-7 times more likely to die of suicide.

Substance Abuse: Women who abort are five times more likely to report subsequent drug or alcohol abuse than women who deliver their babies.

Among women who had unintended first pregnancies, those who had abortions were more likely to report an average of four years later more frequent and recent use of alcohol, marijuana, and cocaine than women who gave birth to their babies.

Psychiatric Treatment: A review of the medical records of 56,741 California Medicaid patient revealed that women who had abortions were 160% more likely than delivering women to be hospitalized for psychiatric treatment in the first 90 days following abortion or delivery. Psychiatric treatment rates remained significantly higher for at least four years.

In the study of U.S. and Russian women who had abortions, 95% of U.S. women experienced post-traumatic stress disorder, which they attributed to their abortions.

Infertility and Life-Threatening Reproductive Risks: Abortion can damage reproductive organs and cause long-term and sometimes permanent problems that can put future pregnancies at risk. Women who have abortions are more likely to experience ectopic pregnancies, infertility, hysterectomies, stillbirths, miscarriages, and premature births than women who have not had abortions.

Subsequent Children Negatively Affected: The children of women who have had abortions have less supportive home environments and more behavioral problems than the children of women without a history of abortion. This finding support the view that abortion may negatively affect bonding with subsequent children, disturbed mothering skills, and otherwise impact a woman's psychological stability. (It has a lot to do with if they had been brought up in the love and admonition of the Lord.)

One study found that women with a history of induced abortions were 144% more likely to physically abuse their children than women who had not had an abortion.

Abortion is linked with increased violent behavior, alcohol and drug abuse, replacement pregnancies, depression, and poor maternal bonding with later children. These factors are closely associated with child abuse and would appear to confirm a link between unsolved post-abortion trauma and subsequent child abuse.

Teenager dies after taking an Abortion Pill:

San Francisco (AP): Holly Marie Patterson went to a Planned Parenthood clinic to quietly consider how to handle a life change she wasn't ready for. And one week later, the 18 year old lay dying on an emergency room table, the victim of complications after she took the Abortion Pill.

Her death has already caused her grief-stricken father to hope that the tragedy will encourage other women considering abortion to seek support from good counseling agencies who do counseling for Abortion, and/or family who are supportive.

Holly Patterson, who lived in the San Francisco suburb of Livermore, visited a Planned Parenthood clinic to take the Pill. She followed the prescribed procedure for using RU-486, taking two more pills at home in the following days.

After experiencing bleeding and cramps so severe that she was unable to walk, her boyfriend rushed her to the hospital, where she was given painkillers and sent home. She was back in the hospital a few days later and she died.

Monty Patterson said that he learned from an attending physician at the hospital that she had died after a massive infection caused by fragments of the fetus left inside her uterus that caused her to go into septic shock.

Her parents failed to raise her as a Christian and tell her that Abortion was not God's Will for her life and her unborn child's life, and for some reason she didn't

occur to her at the time or she didn't carefully consider, taking plenty of time before just take the Abortion Pill.

It was an unplanned pregnancy: The tragedy is that she not only killed her baby; What if she died without asking for forgiveness?

