

He High Risk of Ectopic Pregnancy after Performing Several Induced Abortions

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Abstract

Context and Aims: The term "abortion" means the spontaneous or induced termination of pregnancy before fetal viability. When an abortion is performed multiple times, certain complications develop. The aim of this study was to analyses the statistics, if ectopic pregnancy is more likely caused by performing several induced abortions.

Subjects and Methods: Ectopic pregnancy and induced abortion have a relationship which was found by analyzing data from a case controlled study in Italy. The cases were 30 women with a diagnosis of ectopic pregnancy confirmed by laparotomy. The second was a random sample of 30 women that gave birth to healthy babies at comparable age. A total of 22/30 cases reported two or more previous induced abortion.

Results: The risk of ectopic pregnancy was higher in women reporting induced abortions compared to non-induced abortion.

Conclusion: Women performing induced abortion have a higher risk of ectopic pregnancy hence women must be advised not to perform self-induced abortions multiple times if they are planning to be pregnant in the future as there is a 90% chance of having ectopic pregnancy and many complications.

Keywords: Abortion; Ectopic pregnancy; laparotomy.