# Situation of Abortion in Papua New Guinea

## Key Facts

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## Legal Environment

### When Does the Law Permit Abortion?

- **To save woman's life**
  - Yes

- **To protect woman's physical health**
  - Yes

- **To protect woman's mental health**
  - Yes

- **Rape or incest**
  - No

- **Fetal impairment**
  - No

- **Economic or social reasons**
  - No

- **On demand**
  - No

### What Regulatory Factors Promote Easier Access to Safe Abortion?

- **Health workers are required to give information to mother on abortion**
  - Not specified

- **Woman may consent to abortion by herself**
  - No

- **Essential medicines list includes drugs for medical abortion**
  - Yes

- **Types of facility/staff that may perform abortion are subject to appropriate quality control measures**
  - Not specified

- **Abortion may be performed without mandatory waiting period**
  - Not specified

- **Treatment for abortion complications is permitted**
  - Yes

## Are There National Guidelines and Protocols?

| Guidelines and protocols on safe abortion | Yes |
| Guidelines and protocols on Post Abortion Care (PAC) | Yes |
| Training manual | No |

## Which Abortion Methods Are Included in Guidelines/Protocols?

- **Vacuum aspiration**: Included
- **Medical abortion**: Included
- **Dilatation & evacuation**: Not included
- **Dilatation & curettage (outdated method)**: Included

## Does Post Abortion Care Include Family Planning Services?

- **Family planning counseling**: Yes
- **Family planning service provision at post abortion site**: Yes

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1. Criminal Code Act 1974, Section 280
2. 1982 State Solicitor’s Opinion
3. Criminal Code Act 1974, Section 225
5. Medical and Dental Catalogue (2002)