### Situation of abortion in Viet Nam

#### Key Facts

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<td>Abortions per year</td>
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*Induced abortion only

#### Legal Environment

**When does the law permit abortion?**

- Save woman's life
- Protecting woman's physical health
- Protecting woman's mental health
- Rape or incest
- Fetal impairment
- Economic or social reasons (not for sex selection)
- On demand (up to 22 weeks)

**What regulatory factors promote easier access to safe abortion?**

- Health workers are required to give information to mother on abortion
- Woman may consent to abortion by herself
- Essential medicines list includes drugs for medical abortion
- Types of facility/staff that may perform abortion are subject to appropriate quality control measures
- Abortion may be performed without mandatory waiting period
- Treatment for abortion complications is permitted

**Are there national guidelines and protocols?**

- Guidelines and protocols on safe abortion
- Guidelines and protocols on post abortion care (PAC)
- Training manual

#### Regulations and Protocols

**Recommended**

- Vacuum aspiration (6-12 weeks)
- Medical abortion (up to 22 weeks)
- Dilatation & evacuation (13-18 weeks)

**Not recommended**

- Dilatation & curettage (outdated method)

**Does post abortion care include family planning services?**

- Family planning counseling
- Family planning service provision at post abortion site

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1. Law on Protection of People's Health, Article 44
3. National Guideline for Medical Professionals, Chapter 7
5. Law on Protection of People's Health, Article 48
6. National Strategy on Reproductive Healthcare
7. National Guideline for Medical Professionals, Chapter 7