

HRP and WHO Social Media Kit: Launch of the new guidelines on abortion care

WHO issues new guidelines on abortion to help countries deliver lifesaving care

The World Health Organization (WHO) is releasing new guidelines on abortion care today, in a bid to protect the health of women and girls and help prevent over 25 million unsafe abortions that currently occur each year.

“Being able to obtain safe abortion is a crucial part of health care,” said **Craig Lissner, acting Director for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research at WHO**. “Nearly every death and injury that results from unsafe abortion is entirely preventable. That’s why we recommend women and girls can access abortion and family planning services when they need them.”

Based on the latest scientific evidence, these consolidated guidelines bring together over 50 recommendations spanning clinical practice, health service delivery, and legal and policy interventions to support quality abortion care.

Twitter handles:

@WHO

@HRPresearch

Hashtags:

#SRHR

#HumanRights

New Links:

Title	URL	Short link
News story	www.who.int/news/item/08-03-2022-access-to-safe-abortion-critical-for-health-of-women-and-girls	https://bit.ly/3pJF6Im
Executive Summary	www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240045163	https://bit.ly/3Mo8EES
Full guideline	www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240039483	https://bit.ly/3sOpXas
Interactive guideline	srhr.org/abortioncare	

More information about abortion:

Title	URL	Short link
WHO Topic Page	https://www.who.int/health-topics/abortion#tab=tab_1	http://bit.ly/2Q85qKb
WHO Fact Sheet	https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/abortion	https://bit.ly/3tIQ3Ls

Access infographics and multimedia:

URL
https://www.who.int/multi-media?healthtopics=f45dbecf-7d67-4333-a7ce-f09061c934e7,918257d2-55b2-4a24-82c7-cfdce7544bc8

Suggested social media messages

NEW guidelines on abortion care OUT TODAY from [@WHO](#) and [@HRPresearch](#) to protect the health and safeguard the human rights of girls and women worldwide.

New abortion care guidelines from [@WHO](#) and [@HRPresearch](#) give more than 50 recommendations to support quality abortion care. These include:

- ✓ clinical practice
- ✓ health service delivery
- ✓ legal & policy interventions

¶ It is unacceptable that about half of all abortions worldwide are unsafe. To change this, [@WHO](#) and [@HRPresearch](#) have launched new guidelines to protect the health and human rights of girls and women [#SRHR](#)

Simple primary care interventions that improve the quality of abortion care include:

- ✓ Expanding health worker roles
- ✓ Access to medical abortion pills so more women can access safe abortion care
- ✓ Making accurate information on abortion care available

Countries can help to provide quality care for women and girls through:

- ✦ implementing the new recommendations
- ✦ strengthening national policies and programmes on comprehensive abortion care including on contraception and family planning

For the first time, the new @WHO and @HRP research abortion care guidelines include recommendations for use where appropriate of #telemedicine, which helped support access to abortion and family planning services during the COVID-19 pandemic. #digitalhealth

Comprehensive #SRHR including:

- ✓ a choice of affordable & acceptable contraceptive options
- ✓ comprehensive sexuality education
- ✓ quality abortion and post abortion care

helps to prevent unintended pregnancies and unsafe abortions for women and girls

Evidence shows that restricting access to abortions does not reduce the number of abortions that take place. In fact, restrictions are more likely to drive women and girls towards unsafe procedures.

Lifting medically unnecessary policy barriers to comprehensive abortion care is crucial to allow women to safely access quality abortion and post-abortion care, and to safeguard #HumanRights

These new @WHO and @HRPresearch guidelines, include recommendations on removing medically unnecessary policy barriers to safe abortion, alongside clinical and service delivery recommendations.