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# **National Survey of Women's Health Care Providers on Reproductive Health:**

## **Emergency Contraception**

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## **Methodology**

The Kaiser Family Foundation's *2001 National Survey of Women's Health Care Providers on Reproductive Health* is a national random-sample survey of 790 physicians, including 595 obstetrician and gynecologists and 195 family practice physicians, internists, and general practitioners. The questionnaire was designed by staff at the Kaiser Family Foundation and Princeton Survey Research Associates (PSRA) and analyzed by staff at the Foundation. Interviews were conducted by telephone by PSRA between May 15-August 28, 2001. The sample was drawn from the American Medical Association's Masterfile. The final response rate was 59 percent. The data have been weighted by age, gender, and region to be representative of national samples of gynecologists and general practice physicians and to account in part for nonresponse. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percent for gynecologists and plus or minus 7 percent for general practice physicians and may be larger for certain subsets presented in this analysis.

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## National Survey of Women's Health Care Providers on Reproductive Health

### Emergency Contraception

**Q1** As part of routine contraceptive counseling, how often do you discuss emergency contraception with your sexually active female patients—always, most of the time, sometimes, or never?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	Always
<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	Most of the time
<b>58</b>	<b>50</b>	Sometimes
<b>16</b>	<b>36</b>	Never
<b>*</b>	<b>0</b>	Don't know
<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**Q1a** There are a number of reasons why some doctors do not discuss emergency contraception as part of routine contraceptive counseling. For each of the following, please tell me if this is a very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important reason why it is not part of your routine contraceptive counseling. (First|How about) that (Insert)

*Based on those who never discuss emergency contraception*

**a** there is not much demand from your patients

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>54</b>	<b>66</b>	Very important
<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	Somewhat important
<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	Not too important
<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	Not at all important
<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	Don't know
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	Refused
<b>96</b>	<b>70</b>	n

**b** you do not know enough about it

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	Very important
<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	Somewhat important
<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	Not too important
<b>73</b>	<b>37</b>	Not at all important
<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	Don't know
<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	Refused
<b>96</b>	<b>70</b>	n

**c** you have concerns about its safety or efficacy

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	Very important
<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	Somewhat important
<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	Not too important
<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	Not at all important
<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	Don't know
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	Refused
<b>96</b>	<b>70</b>	n

**d** you personally oppose the use of emergency contraception

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>	Very important
<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	Somewhat important
<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	Not too important
<b>46</b>	<b>63</b>	Not at all important
<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	Don't know
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	Refused
<b>96</b>	<b>70</b>	n

**Q2** Over the last year has interest among your female patients about emergency contraception increased, stayed about the same, or decreased?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	Increased
<b>62</b>	<b>69</b>	Stayed about the same
<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	Decreased
<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	Don't know
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**Q3** Have you ever prescribed emergency contraceptive pills?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>89</b>	<b>50</b>	Yes, have prescribed emergency contraceptive pills
49	30	Less than 6 times
17	3	6 to 10 times
14	3	More than 10 times
7	14	Have not prescribed in past year
2	0	Don't know
0	1	Refused
<b>11</b>	<b>50</b>	Never prescribed EC pills
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Don't know
<b>*</b>	<b>0</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**Q4** And have you ever prescribed or offered these pills prospectively for patients to have on hand, in case they need them?

*Based on those who have ever prescribed emergency contraceptives*

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	Yes
<b>75</b>	<b>85</b>	No
<b>*</b>	<b>0</b>	Don't know
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Refused
<b>530</b>	<b>98</b>	n

**Q5** How do you feel about women being able to purchase emergency contraceptives over-the-counter, that is without a prescription from a doctor? Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose women purchasing emergency contraceptives over-the-counter?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	Strongly support
<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	Somewhat support
<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	Somewhat oppose
<b>22</b>	<b>43</b>	Strongly oppose
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	Don't know
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Refused
<b>530</b>	<b>98</b>	n

**Q6** Now thinking about oral contraceptives or birth control pills, how do you feel about women being able to purchase oral contraceptives over-the-counter? Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose women purchasing oral contraceptives over-the-counter?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	Strongly support
<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	Somewhat support
<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	Somewhat oppose
<b>48</b>	<b>55</b>	Strongly oppose
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	Don't know
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Refused
<b>530</b>	<b>98</b>	n

**Physician Demographics**

**D1** Are you in solo private practice, group private practice, a reproductive family planning clinic, a community health clinic, or a hospital-based clinic?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	Solo private practice
<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	Group private practice
<b>*</b>	<b>-</b>	Reproductive family planning clinic
<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	Community health clinic
<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	Hospital-based clinic
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	Other
<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	Don't know
<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**D2** Is your primary medical practice or employment setting mainly associated with a single HMO or other type of managed care health plan (if necessary: more than 75% of patients covered by one plan)?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	Yes
<b>83</b>	<b>86</b>	No
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	Don't know
<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**D3** Does your practice currently accept (Insert)?

**a** private insurance

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	Yes
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	No
<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	Don't know
<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**b** Medicaid

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	Yes
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	No
<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	Don't know
<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**c** Medicare

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>94</b>	<b>95</b>	Yes
<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	No
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	Don't know
<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**D4** Is your office in an urban, suburban, or rural area?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	Urban
<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	Suburban
<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	Rural
<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	Don't know
<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**D5** What is your age?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	24-39
<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	40-49
<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	50-59
<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	60-69
<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	70 or older
<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**D6** Respondent's sex

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>	Male
<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	Female
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**D7** In what year did you graduate from medical school?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	1920-1969
<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	1970-1979
<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	1980-1989
<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	1990-2000
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**D8** Are you yourself of Latino or Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin American background?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Yes
<b>95</b>	<b>93</b>	No
<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	Don't know
<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	Refused
<b>595</b>	<b>195</b>	n

**D9** What is your race? (If Latino:) Are you white Latino, black Latino or some other race? (Else:) Are you white, African American or black, Asian or some other race?

<b>OBGYN</b> (%)	<b>GPP</b> (%)	
<b>74</b>	<b>65</b>	White/White Latino
<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	African American/Black/Black Latino
<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	Asian
<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	Other
<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	Don't know
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	Refused
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