

Questions and Detailed Results

Emergency Contraception



Q1. Now thinking about emergency contraceptives, have you ever prescribed EC pills?

	OBGyn		FPP	
	1997	2000	1997	2000
Yes	92%	89%	64%	50%
No	5	11	35	50
n	305	566	238	201

Q2. Over the last year, about how many times, if at all, have you prescribed emergency contraceptive pills¹?

	OBGyn			FPP		
	1995	1997	2000	1995	1997	2000
0 or never	30%	14%	17%	66%	48%	61%
1-5	52	60	52	26	42	20
6 or more	16	23	31	8	8	17
DK/Refused	2	3	*	-	2	3
n	307	305	566	154	238	201

Q3. As part of routine contraceptive counseling, how often do you discuss emergency contraception²?

	OBGyn		FPP	
	1997	2000	1997	2000
Always	2%	7%	3%	8%
Most of the time	8	13	6	15
Sometimes	43	56	29	49
Never	46	23	62	28
n	305	566	238	201

Q4. Over the last year has interest among your patients for emergency contraception³...

	OBGyn		FPP	
	1997	2000	1997	2000
Increased	11%	29%	6%	17%
Stayed about the same	72	68	69	71
Decreased	6	2	7	6
n	305	566	238	201

¹ 1997: In the last year, about how many times have you prescribed emergency contraceptive pills?

² 1995: In the last year, about how many times have you prescribed morning after pills as emergency contraception?

³ 1997: During routine contraceptive counseling, do you discuss emergency contraception...

³ 1997: In your practice, is patient demand for emergency contraception...

Demographics

	OBGyn			FPP		
	1995	1997	2000	1995	1997	2000
Gender						
Male	77%	75%	69%	80%	77%	78%
Female	23	25	31	20	23	22
Age						
24-39	22	17	19	33	19	12
40-49	36	32	33	40	48	32
50-59	25	34	27	10	19	26
60-69	15	15	16	14	11	15
70 or older	2	3	4	3	4	12
Year Graduated from Medical School						
1920-1969	39	33	27	25	21	37
1970-1979	30	32	29	33	32	27
1980-1989	31	30	32	38	42	27
1990-1999	1	5	12	5	5	9
Type of practice						
Solo	39	34	33	36	36	48
Single specialty	48	50	41	40	33	22
Multi-specialty	12	16	25	21	32	28
Percent of patients who are 13-19 years old						
Less than 25 percent	n/a	n/a	72	n/a	n/a	72
25 percent or more	n/a	n/a	28	n/a	n/a	24
Percent of patients who are prenatal care						
Less than 25 percent	n/a	n/a	34	n/a	n/a	94
25 percent or more	n/a	n/a	65	n/a	n/a	6
Percent of patients who are gynecological care						
Less than 50 percent	n/a	n/a	41	n/a	n/a	90
50 percent or more	n/a	n/a	59	n/a	n/a	6
Size of place						
Urban	47	45	47	33	27	43
Suburban	42	42	39	34	40	25
Rural	10	15	14	33	33	31
Region						
Northeast	28	n/a	24	14	n/a	16
Midwest	29	n/a	21	33	n/a	25
South	21	n/a	34	27	n/a	35
West	22	n/a	22	23	n/a	25
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Methodology

The questions and results on this document are from the Kaiser Family Foundation's *Third National Survey of Women's Health Care Providers on Reproductive Health*, a national random-sample survey of 767 physicians, including 566 obstetrician/gynecologists (OB/GYNs) and 201 family practice physicians (FPPs). The questionnaire was designed by staff at the Kaiser Family Foundation and Princeton Survey Research Associates (PSRA). The interviews were conducted by telephone by PSRA between January 19 and April 27, 2000. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percent for OB/GYNs and plus or minus 10 percent for FPPs.

Tracking data is available for some questions in this survey, which was previously conducted in 1995 and 1997. The data reported on here represents only a portion of the complete survey, which examines physicians' attitudes and experiences with regard to a range of reproductive health issues, including medical abortion (mifepristone and methotrexate), emergency contraception, and sexually transmitted diseases.

Additional copies of this document as well as a summary of findings for the questions and topline discussed in this document are available at www.kff.org/repro or by calling the Foundation's publication request line at 1-800-656-4533 (ask for #3085). The previously conducted surveys may also be accessed on the Foundation's website.