Abstract

Abortion is a polemic theme and a serious public health problem in the world, responsible for the maintenance of high maternal death rates in many developing countries. In Brazil, even though it is an illegal act, many women who do not wish to maintain their pregnancy end up seeking underground clinics where they undergo abortions in precarious conditions, carrying with it grave consequences to their physical and mental health and even their own lives. As nurses, we recognize the magnitude of these questions that permeate discussions about abortion and maternal death regarding health policy involving the area of women’s health, and for this reason intend to, with this article, induce a reflection concerning abortion as a cause of maternal death.

Keywords

Nursing, abortion, maternal death, women’s health.