

# Assessing Care Nursing Measure for Patients of Induced Abortion

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**Abstract:** Objective: to evaluate influence of care nursing measure on induced abortion patients. Methods: we screened 100 suitable patients to join our study, who were undergoing induced abortion, their information was collected from March 2016 to October 2019. The patients who their age was between 20 and 45 years were randomly assigned to intervention group and a control group. For the two groups, we use the different nursing measure for the patients of different group. In nursing process, we collected their data of anxiety and depression by Self-Rating Anxiety Scale (SAS) and Self-rating depression scale (SDS). In addition, we use interview to collect the status of contraception awareness and contraceptive use. Result: the patients of intervention group had better mental health than patients of control group, that the intervention group had bigger change ( $48.75 \pm 9.17$  vs  $40.13 \pm 7.87$ ,  $49.82 \pm 9.62$  vs  $38.74 \pm 7.14$ ). For contraception awareness, the result of intervention group is obviously better than that of control group ( $94.23 \pm 3.68$  vs  $81.93 \pm 5.13$ ). The patients still had repeated abortion during follow-up, but patients of intervention group had less repeated abortion status than the control group [5 (10%) vs 1 (2%)]. However, the intervention group had higher contraceptive use rate from our research [28 (56%) vs 46 (92%)]. Conclusion: the care nursing measure had better influence in mental health of induced abortion patient and wonderful effect at precaution consciousness of repeated induced abortion.

**Keywords:** Nursing, Induced Abortion, Repeated Abortion

## 1. Introduction

Most adolescent or teenage pregnancies, which occur from menarche and before 20 years of age, are unwanted as a result of ineffective contraception and often result in induced abortion over concerns regarding starting a family too early and the possible negative effect on personal career plans [1, 2]. A recent systematic review and meta-analysis of 38 studies estimated that the average induced abortion rate worldwide is approximately 58 per 1000 women [3]. In Europe, there is an estimated prevalence of teenage induced abortions (TIAs) of 12.2% [4]. Moreover, in the United States the reported rate was 29.2%, whereas in Russia it was as high as 56.1%, the published data have shown that countries from northern Europe report the highest rates of induced abortions (United Kingdom and Sweden reported rates of 22.5%), whereas the lowest rates have been reported from southern and western

Europe (in Malta abortions are prohibited so the reported rates are 0.0%) [5, 6].

From 2012 to 2014, More than 26 million induced abortions were carried out among women aged 15-44 worldwide [7, 8]. The induced abortion make many women had bad mental health status. For example, a 2014 study including 3310 women aged 18 years and over showed that, after adjusting for sociodemographic variables, abortion was positively associated with mood disorders, anxiety disorders, substance use disorders, suicidal ideation, and suicide attempts [9, 10]. However, a 2014 cohort study of 936 participants found no significant association between abortion and mental disorders after adjusting for confounding factors [11, 12]. The aim of our study was assess the care nursing measure for the patients who undergoing induced abortion.

## 2. Methods

### 2.1. Participants Enrollment

We invited the patients to join our study when they were diagnosed as require to undergoing induced abortion. Their diagnosis of time were between March 2016 and October 2019. In the participants (n=100), they were randomly assigned to two groups which were intervention group (n=50) and a control group (n=50). They were asked to complete Self-Rating Anxiety Scale (SAS) and Self-rating depression scale (SDS) [13-15], the questionnaires are focus on assess anxiety and depression of participants in duration of hospital stay. In addition, our researchers record contraceptive awareness and contraceptive measures status by interview and telephone follow-up. We recorded repeated abortion rate and contraceptive use rate in 1 year after induced abortion.

Their inclusion criteria were: (1) the patients undergoing induced abortion; (2) Gestation weeks 5-12 weeks; (3) no mental illness or disturbance of consciousness; (4) their age were between 20 and 45 years old. Their withdraw criteria were: (1) the patients had acute genital inflammation; (2) the

patients had serious physical and mental illness. All participants voluntarily participated in this study and signed informed consent.

### 2.2. Statistical Analysis

Our data analyzer performed the statistical analysis by SPSS 22.0. The P value, t-test and chi-square test were associated with collection result were analyzed. Besides, the mean standard deviation for statistical description.

## 3. Result

The result of SAS and SDS present anxiety and depression of patients (Table 1). In the result, the patients of intervention group had better mental health than patients of control group, that the intervention group had bigger change ( $48.75 \pm 9.17$  vs  $40.13 \pm 7.87$ ,  $49.82 \pm 9.62$  vs  $38.74 \pm 7.14$ ). Additionally, the improvement result had statistical significance ( $p < 0.005$ ).

**Table 1.** The Result of SAS and SDS.

Projects	SAS		SDS	
	BN	FN	BN	FN
Control Group (n=50)	55.34±10.68	48.75±9.17	53.68±9.56	49.82±9.62
Intervention Group (n=50)	54.97±10.51	40.13±7.87	53.35±9.17	38.74±7.14
T	0.1746	5.044	0.1762	6.540
P value	0.041	< 0.005	0.141	< 0.005

SAS=Self-Rating Anxiety Scale.  
SDS=Self-rating depression scale.  
BN=before the nursing.  
FN=after the nursing.

The data of the status of contraception awareness and contraceptive use was collected from interview in post-discharge. It shown contraception awareness of patient and their contraceptive use status had slightly improvement (Table 2). For contraception awareness, the result of

intervention group is obviously better than that of control group ( $94.23 \pm 3.68$  vs  $81.93 \pm 5.13$ ). The result had statistical significance ( $p < 0.005$ ). Besides, contraceptive use status had improvement in all patient, the data of two groups had not significant gap.

**Table 2.** The Status of Contraception Awareness and Contraceptive Use after Care Nursing [Mean ± SD, n (%)].

Projects	Contraception awareness		Contraceptive Use			
	BN	FN	Intrauterine device	Oral contraceptive	Condoms	Emergency contraception
Control Group (n=50)	62.85±9.57	81.93±5.13	7 (14.0)	3 (6.0)	15 (30.0)	3 (6.0)
Intervention Group (n=50)	64.31±9.89	94.23±3.68	15 (30.0)	6 (12.0)	25 (50.0)	0 (0.0)
Statistics	0.7502	13.78	2.855	0.4884	0.5046	1.131
P Value	0.045	< 0.005	0.091	0.048	0.031	< 0.005

BN=before the nursing.  
FN=after the nursing.

We assessed the result of repeated abortion rates and contraceptive use rate after collection action (Table 3). The patients still had repeated abortion during follow-up, but patients of intervention group had less repeated abortion status

than the control group [5 (10%) vs 1 (2%)]. In data of contraceptive use rate, the intervention group had higher contraceptive use rate from our research [28 (56%) vs 46 (92%)].

**Table 3.** Repeated Abortion Rates and Contraceptive Use Rate [n (%)].

Projects	Repeated Abortion Rates	Contraceptive Use Rate	X <sup>2</sup>	P Value
Control Group (n=50)	5 (10.0)	28 (56.0)	7.696	0.006
Intervention Group (n=50)	1 (2.0)	46 (92.0)		
X <sup>2</sup>	4.414	15.02	-	-
P Value	0.035	< 0.005	-	-

## 4. Discussion

A part of women undergoing one abortion have experienced more previous procedures. 38% of abortions performed in England and Wales were among women with histories of one or more abortions in 2017 [16]. As the report, the rate of repeated induced abortion of United States woman was 43.0% in 2016 [8]. In addition, most adolescent or teenage pregnancies, which occur from menarche and before 20 years of age, are unwanted as a result of ineffective contraception and often result in induced abortion over concerns regarding starting a family too early and the possible negative effect on personal career plans. In a recent study conducted in Greece, more than 40% of women hospitalized due to pregnancy complications reported their pregnancy as unplanned [17]. The high prevalence of repeated induced abortion in China is also of public health concern.

Following to the result, the care nursing measure had better effect than the traditional nursing measure for the induced abortion. It not only provide better mental health to patients who undergoing induced abortion but also reduce the rate of repeated induced abortion in post-discharge. For one things, the patients of intervention group had less anxiety and depression in duration of hospital stay. But the improvement result had not big gap between the intervention group and control group. For other things, the patients of intervention group had better precaution consciousness to avoid repeated induced abortion, they had better contraception awareness and higher contraceptive use rate in post-discharge.

## 5. Conclusion

In conclusion, the care nursing measure had better influence in mental health of induced abortion patient and wonderful effect at precaution consciousness of repeated induced abortion. However, the changing of mental health had not big gap between the intervention group and control group. In limits, we lack enough number of participants for our simple size, so our result of this study was no statistical significance in some parts, such as contraceptive use status and SDS result. In the suggest, the hospital provide care nursing measure in a part of induced abortion patients, who need to pay expensive medical costs. Because the care nursing measure also need spend expensive medical costs in treatment process as the patients who can pay expensive medical fee like to the fee of the care nursing measure.

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