

*What are the possible consequences of abortion?*

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It is generally recognised that a pregnant woman is doubly at risk, compared to the general population, if she must undergo a surgical procedure.

This being said, abortion is an important operation that involves at least anaesthesia, dilation, suction and curettage. These procedures are carried out quite rapidly; they require considerable pressure and numerous instruments. Many studies show that the above leads to serious long-term consequences in a fair number of cases:

- STERILITY** in 2-5% of cases
- BREAST CANCER** 30% increased risk
- CANCER (CERVICAL, OVARIAN, LIVER)** risk increased up to 4 times
- PELVIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASE (PID)** in 4% of cases
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To know exactly how abortion may lead to the above consequences and the studies that show this, consult our booklet *Everything you have the right to know about abortion.*

See also our pamphlets *Abortion and breast cancer* and *Healing after abortion.*

References at [www.abortinfo.or](http://www.abortinfo.or).

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