

Legal Aspect of Abortion

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Definition

- Detachment or expulsion of the contents of gravid uterus at any time before the full term.

Medico-legal Aspet of Abortion

1. Alleged abortion after a fight
2. Abortion due to malpractice.
3. Conceal abortion after being charged with it

Types of abortion

1-Spontaneous abortion

Causes

- Diseases of the mother (General- Local)
- Diseases of the fetus

2-Induced abortion

A- Therapeutic (legal) abortion

Causes

- Diseases of the mother
- Diseases of pregnancy

B- Criminal (illegal) abortion

Methods of Therapeutic Abortion Induction

1. Dilatation of the cervix of the uterus and curettage
2. Suction aspiration
3. Hystereotomy

Precautions of Therapeutic Abortion:

1. Consultation of two specialists
2. A written consent from the woman and from her husband.
3. Should be done in hospital.
4. It must be done by specialist.
5. The cases must be recorded in the hospital files.

Methods of Criminal Abortion Induction

1- **General violence**

2- **Local violence**

Methods by non professional

Methods by professional (medical person)

3- **Abortifacient drugs**



Dangers of Abortion

1. Neurogenic shock
2. Hemorrhage
3. Air embolism
4. Acute poisoning
5. Sepsis

Diagnosis of Abortion

In The Living :-

1. Patient 's consent
2. Signs of pregnancy
3. Signs of general violence
4. Signs of local violence
5. Laboratory investigations
6. Products of abortion

Diagnosis of Abortion

In The Dead :-

- 1. Abdomen (peritonitis)**
- 2. Intestine**
- 3. Vagina**
- 4. Cervix**
- 5. Uterus**

Thank you