

**Table 1. Selected characteristics of women obtaining abortions, by method, Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 1995–1996**

Characteristic	Medical (N=260)	Surgical (N=133)
Mean age	26.4	27.9**
Mean weight (kg)	46.4	46.6
Mean height (cm)	155.8	154.5**
Mean education (yrs.)	11.6	10.6**
Mean gestational age (wks.)	5.9	6.1*
% with first pregnancy	35.4	30.1
% married/in union	73.1	84.2*
% who had used contraceptives	37.7	58.6***
% who had had previous abortion	48.5	43.6

\*Difference between medical and surgical abortion patients is significant at  $p \leq .05$ . \*\*Difference between medical and surgical abortion patients is significant at  $p \leq .01$ . \*\*\*Difference between medical and surgical abortion patients is significant at  $p \leq .001$ . *Note:* While the number of medical patients was roughly equally distributed by site (48% from Hanoi, 52% from Ho Chi Minh City), the distribution of surgical patients was quite uneven (72% from Hanoi, 28% from Ho Chi Minh City). Thus, the background data presented for surgical clients are more heavily weighted toward Hanoi.