

Table 2. Percentage of abortion patients citing various reasons for selecting their method, by method

Reason	Medical (N=258)	Surgical (N=131)
Effective	5.4	64.1
Simpler and faster	†	67.9
Less pain	58.9	†
Safer	40.4	47.3
Avoids surgery/anesthesia	43.4	†
Easier emotionally	30.2	†
Fewer visits	†	27.5
Convenient	7.8	26.0
Less bleeding	†	7.6
More natural	6.2	†
Private	5.8	†
Fewer side effects	†	3.8

†Cited by one woman or no women. *Note:* Women could cite up to three reasons.