

Table 5. Measures of bleeding experienced by abortion patients, by method

Measure	Medical	Surgical
MEANS		
Hemoglobin level (g/dl)	(N=253)	(N=123)
At entry	11.8	11.6
At exit	11.7	11.6
Change	-0.1	-0.1
Days of bleeding***	(N=257)	(N=124)
Heavier than usual menses	1.3 (2.2)	0.4 (0.8)
Like normal menses	3.1 (2.7)	2.2 (1.2)
Lighter than usual menses	6.2 (3.5)	3.1 (1.7)
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS		
Amount of bleeding*	(N=257)	(N=124)
More than expected	25.3	16.9
As much as expected	57.2	65.3
Less than expected	16.0	11.3
Not sure/do not know	1.6	6.5
Duration of bleeding***	(N=257)	(N=124)
Longer than expected	49.0	24.2
As long as expected	34.2	58.1
Shorter than expected	14.8	11.3
Not sure/do not know	1.9	6.5
Total	100.0	100.0

*Difference in distribution between medical and surgical abortion patients is significant at $p \leq .05$. ***Difference in distribution between medical and surgical abortion patients is significant at $p \leq .001$. Notes: For days of bleeding, numbers in parentheses are standard deviations.