

TABLE 2. Percentage of health care providers, by knowledge of emergency contraceptives and their appropriate use

Characteristic	% (N=223)
Had heard about emergency contraceptives*	
All occupations	87.1
Physicians	97.4
Nurses	81.2
Pharmacists	89.1
Community health workers	52.0
Identification of method type	
Combined pill	64.1
Progestin-only pill	50.7
Estrogen-only pill†	32.3
Copper T IUD	19.3
Monthly injectable†	11.2
Trimonthly injectable†	4.9
Other	0.8
Identification of pill	
Combined pill	65.0
Postinor-2	49.3
Menstrogen†	46.2
Gynaecosid†	22.9
Don't know	9.0
Time for effective use	
≤72 hrs. after unprotected intercourse	49.8
≤24 hrs. after unprotected intercourse	44.4
After missed period	5.4
During menstrual period	2.2
Don't know	2.7
Action of pills	
Prevent pregnancy	48.8
Induce abortion	12.6
Prevent pregnancy and induce abortion	26.0
Don't know	12.6
Appropriate candidates for use	
Women who have had unprotected sex	78.9
Inconsistent contraceptive users	61.0
Women who have infrequent sex	48.4
Adolescents	31.8
Women with multiple partners	25.1
Perimenopausal women	22.0
Others	2.7
Don't know	8.1
Indications for use	
Rape	86.1
Unprotected intercourse	79.8
Condom breakage	76.1
Missed pills	57.4
Infrequent sex	40.8
Don't know	0.9

*N=256. †Cannot be used for emergency contraception. Note: Respondents could choose more than one answer for all knowledge questions except mechanism of action.