

**TABLE 2. Percentage distribution of men obtaining vasectomies, by factors related to their vasectomy decision**

Factor	%
<b>Most important reason for choosing vasectomy over another method</b>	
Surest way to prevent having more children	49.9 (40.3–59.5)
Wife/partner dislikes other methods	12.3 (4.6–20.0)
He dislikes other methods	10.0 (6.0–14.0)
Vasectomy is permanent	10.0 (4.6–15.4)
Recently had an unplanned pregnancy/pregnancy scare	6.7 (1.9–11.5)
Vasectomy does not interfere with sex	5.2 (1.1–9.3)
Other	5.8 (1.6–10.0)
<b>Most important reason for choosing vasectomy over tubal ligation</b>	
Vasectomy is simpler and safer than tubal ligation	62.1 (55.0–69.2)
Felt it was his turn to take responsibility for contraception	14.0 (8.8–19.2)
Has friends who had a vasectomy and had no problems	11.4 (7.2–15.7)
Vasectomy is more affordable; wife's/partner's preference*	5.6 (2.4–8.8)
Other	7.1 (4.5–9.7)
<b>Most influential information source on vasectomy</b>	
Doctor/nurse	31.4 (22.3–40.6)
Wife/partner	24.7 (16.2–33.2)
Friend	23.1 (16.5–30.0)
Family	6.2 (3.1–9.3)
Newspaper/magazine/television/Internet	9.7 (3.8–15.6)
Other	5.0 (3.5–6.5)
Total	100.0

\*These two reasons were combined because proportions of respondents—1.3% (vasectomy is more affordable) and 5.7% (wife's/partner's preference)—were too small to be weighted separately. *Notes:* Figures in parentheses are 95% confidence intervals. Percentages are weighted; unweighted N=719.