

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of California advanced practice clinicians participating in a 2003 survey, by selected characteristics, according to clinician type

Characteristic	All	Nurse practitioner	Physician assistant	Nurse-midwife
Gender	(N=1,158)	(N=762)	(N=324)	(N=72)
Female	86.1	93.7	65.4	98.6
Male	13.9	6.3	34.6†	1.4
Graduate degree	(N=1,138)	(N=757)	(N=310)	(N=71)
Yes	66.6	79.7	33.2	73.2‡
No	33.4	20.3	66.8	26.8
Area of specialization***	(N=1,176)	(N=779)	(N=325)	(N=72)
Women's health	22.0	20.8	9.8	90.3
Adult/family primary care	45.7	48.8	47.7	2.8
Pediatrics/geriatrics/other	32.3	30.4	42.5	6.9
% of time spent providing care to women aged 13–45	(N=1,146)	(N=752)	(N=323)	(N=71)
33	60.8	56.0	64.4	95.8‡
<33	39.2	44.0	35.6	4.2
Abortion stance	(N=1,143)	(N=751)	(N=322)	(N=70)
Prochoice	72.5	73.1	69.3	81.4§
Pro-life/neither	27.5	26.9	30.7	18.6
Position on legal status of abortion*	(N=1,137)	(N=748)	(N=319)	(N=70)
Legal under any circumstances	52.2	52.9	47.3	67.1
Legal only under certain circumstances	42.4	41.7	46.7	30.0
Illegal under all circumstances	5.4	5.3	6.0	2.9
Would support colleagues in providing abortion	(N=1,109)	(N=730)	(N=312)	(N=67)
Yes	77.3	77.8	74.4	85.1§
No	22.7	22.2	25.6	14.9
Sees patients with unintended pregnancy	(N=1,047)	(N=668)	(N=309)	(N=70)
Yes	72.1	70.8	69.9	94.3§
No	27.9	29.2	30.1	5.7
Includes abortion in counseling	(N=757)	(N=473)	(N=219)	(N=65)
Yes	82.3	85.2	75.3§	84.6
No	17.7	14.8	24.7	15.4
Ever referred patient for abortion	(N=1,048)	(N=667)	(N=311)	(N=70)
Yes	65.4	65.7	59.2	90.0§
No	34.6	34.3	40.8	10.0
Familiarity with medical abortion	(N=1,071)	(N=687)	(N=315)	(N=69)
Somewhat/very familiar	76.4	76.4	73.7	88.4§
Never heard of/not very familiar	23.6	23.6	26.3	11.6
Assisted with medical abortion in past six mos.	(N=1,064)	(N=680)	(N=314)	(N=70)
Yes	6.7	6.2	7.0	10.0
No	93.3	93.8	93.0	90.0
Treated abortion complication in past six mos.	(N=1,056)	(N=672)	(N=314)	(N=70)
Yes	18.6	18.0	18.8	22.9
No	81.4	82.0	81.2	77.1
Wants medical abortion training	(N=1,074)	(N=702)	(N=305)	(N=67)
Yes	24.7	23.6	23.3	41.8§
No	75.3	76.4	76.7	58.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*p<.05 for overall chi-square test. ***p<.001 for overall chi-square test. †Differs significantly from nurse practitioners at p<.05. (The cell size for nurse-midwife was too small to test for significance.) ‡The three clinician types differ significantly from one another at p<.05. §Differs significantly from other clinician types at p<.05. Note: All Ns are weighted.