

Table 2. Among obstetrician-gynecologists who have heard of emergency contraception, percentage who know about various aspects of the method, Brazil, 1997 (N=567)

Aspect	%
Methods used for emergency contraception	
Combined pill	87.6
IUD	25.9
Estrogen-only pill	19.2
Progestogen-only pill	15.3
Monthly injectable*	3.7
Three-month injectable*	1.8
Other	4.4
None	3.9
Mechanism of action	
Prevents pregnancy	66.2
Induces abortion	14.8
Prevents pregnancy and induces abortion	15.3
Don't know	3.0
Legal status	
Legal, not included in government family planning guidelines	37.0
Illegal	14.1
Legal, included in government family planning guidelines	11.6
Don't know	37.3
Best candidates	
Any women who have had unprotected intercourse	71.3
Adolescents	46.4
Women who have infrequent intercourse	35.7
Inconsistent method users	26.1
Women with multiple partners	9.2
Perimenopausal women	9.1
Other	15.5
Situations appropriate for use	
Rape	91.2
Condom breakage	82.1
Unprotected intercourse	75.9
Missed pills	38.0
Infrequent sexual activity	24.8
Other	7.4
None	3.7

*Effectiveness is unsubstantiated. *Notes:* Ns varied negligibly because not all respondents who were familiar with emergency contraception answered all questions. For some questions, respondents could indicate more than one answer.