

ABORTION

Latin word 'Aboriri'
..to get detached from proper site

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Expulsion of product of conception at any period of gestation before full term...[as per law]

Abortion, miscarriage, premature labour..[medically]

- ⦿ PMW..Post Menstrual Week
- ⦿ *Preembryo -- till the end of 5 week*
- ⦿ *Embryo -- till the end of 9th week*
- ⦿ *Foetus – start of 10th week until delivery*

types

- ⦿ Natural[spontaneous] –that occurs naturally or spontaneously -10 to 15 %
 - i. Due to constitutional disease of mother-infection,hyoxia,shock,immunological,toxicity
 - ii. Disease of organ of generation-infection,tumour
 - iii. Death of foetus
 - iv. Accident
 - v. Reflex irritation etc

Types..... continue

- Artificial—that is due to direct interference with pregnancy i.e deliberately induced
 - i. Legal- in accordance with law
 - ii. Criminal- when performed otherwise

Legal or justifiable

Medical Termination of Pregnancy [MTP] act,
1971(34 of 1971):repealed in 2003 via rule 10
of MTP rules 2003

⦿ Specified Guidelines-Abortion is legalized on following grounds

i. Therapeutic

ii. Eugenic

iii. Humanitarian

iv. Social

idea is to save the lives of millions of women who would otherwise resort to criminal abortion out of desperation

[I] therapeutic ground

- ⦿ When continuation of pregnancy is likely to endanger either life or health
 - a) Heart diseases
 - b) Renal failure, cardiac failure, High BP
 - c) Nephrotic syndrome, TB, diabetes, pulmonary HT
 - d) Toxemia of pregnancy, V mole, local infection, uterine haemorrhage
 - e) Septicemia, hepatocellular failure, pancreatitis, hepatitis
 - f) Malignancy
 - g) Threatened insanity
 - h) Repeated CS
 - i) Peptic ulcer, ilietis, ulcerative colitis with perforation or bleeding
 - j) Multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, spinal or cerebral tumor

[II] eugenic

There is substantial risk that child, if was born, would suffer from physical or mental abnormality as to be seriously handicapped

- ⦿ Viral infection[TORCH group of infection]
- ⦿ Radiation
- ⦿ Drugs
- ⦿ Inheritable mental or chromosomal anomaly

[III] humanitarian

- ① Health means physical, social and mental well being
- ① Anguish or stress of pregnancy that have been alleged due to Rape

[IV] social

- Result of contraceptive failure or
- Unfavorable environment so as continuation of pregnancy or birth of child may involve risk to health of mother
- Disease and no help for domestic work
- Finance
- Subnormal child
- Large family

emergency

- ⦿ Indication
- ⦿ Doctor
- ⦿ Place
- ⦿ Period of gestation

Non emergency case

- 12 weeks
- > 12 weeks – up to 20 weeks
- Good faith- act is done honestly with due care and attention [section 8 to protect Dr]
- Registered medical practitioner with 25 MTP(5 independently), 6 months residency in OBG, 3 yr practice before 1971 and 1 year practice after 1971 in obst-gyn, PG
- Registration with certifying board Chief medical officer of District
- Place – approved
- Consent, age , wife, minor, lunatic, guardian

Duties of a doctor while treating a case[patient] having criminal abortion

- ❖ Preliminary particulars
- ❖ detailed history
- ❖ Professional secrecy
- ❖ Care to avoid criminal charge
- ❖ Senior consultant
- ❖ Inform police if serious
- ❖ DD
- ❖ PM

Provisions in Indian law

- **S. IPC 312**
- Scope: only to save life
- Consent
- Women herself is punishable
- whoever voluntarily causes a woman with child to miscarry, if such miscarriage be not caused in good faith for purpose of saving the life of mother, be punished ----3 years/fine/both
 - if the woman be quick with the child---
7/with or without fine
 - if not successful IPC 511 .. Half punishment
 - woman and doctor if any .. Both are punished

- ◎ S 313 IPC --- **without consent**--- 10 years or life imprisonment– irrespective of quickening
- ◎ S 314 IPC ---**death of mother**... if without consent life ... if with consent 10/+fine
- ◎ S 315 IPC --- act done with intend to **prevent child being born alive** or **to cause it to die after birth** --- 10/ fine/ both **here length of pregnancy is > 28 weeks**
- ◎ S 316 IPC causing death of quick unborn child by act amounting culpable homicide---10/+fine **Primary aim is to kill mother & she remains unharmed**