**COUNSELING & INFORMED CONSENT**

**PARTICIPANT HANDOUT**

**Case 1**

A 13-year-old girl has been raped and is now 19 weeks pregnant. She did not know that she was pregnant before she found out from the clinic. She does not know who attacked her and did not report the incident to the police. She is afraid of having a physical exam.

Can you anticipate any special needs for this woman?

Are there any legal issues in your context surrounding the case?

What are the medical considerations in this case?

What are the adolescent’s options for terminating the pregnancy?

What would you tell her about her options and how would you describe the process to her?

How would you talk with her about contraception?

Are there any special postabortion needs or follow-up?

**Case 2**

A 35-year-old woman, pregnant for the second time, at 28 weeks, was just diagnosed with fetal anencephaly. She has one child already. She becomes very upset when she hears the news.

Can you anticipate any special needs for this woman?

Are there any legal issues in your context surrounding the case?

What are the medical considerations in this case?

What are the woman’s options for terminating the pregnancy?

What would you tell her about her options and how would you describe the process to her?

How would you talk with her about contraception?

Are there any special postabortion needs or follow-up?

**Case 3**

A 19-year-old woman is pregnant for the second time. Her last delivery was complicated by severe pre-eclampsia resulting in a delivery of a growth-restricted baby at 28 weeks. The child has cerebral palsy. She is now 22 weeks pregnant and is experiencing severe headaches and right upper quadrant pain, and reports rapid onset of lower extremity swelling. Her blood pressure is 180/90.

Can you anticipate any special needs for this woman?

Are there any legal issues in your context surrounding the case?

What are the woman’s options for terminating the pregnancy?

What would you tell her about her options and how would you describe the process to her?

How would you talk with her about contraception?

Are there any special postabortion needs or follow-up?

**Case 4**

A 20-year-old woman is pregnant for the first time. Her uncle sexually assaulted her when her parents were away. She will finish college in another year. She is 16 weeks pregnant. She has not told her family about this situation. She is afraid of her uncle. She presents with vaginal bleeding after he has assaulted her again. You diagnose her with an intrauterine fetal demise.

Can you anticipate any special needs for this woman?

Are there any legal issues in your context surrounding the case?

What are the medical considerations in this case?

What are the woman’s options for terminating the pregnancy?

What would you tell her about her options and how would you describe the process to her?

How would you talk with her about contraception?

Are there any special postabortion needs or follow-up?