

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 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 2

A 35-year-old woman, pregnant for the second time, at 20 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 29-year-old woman was recently abandoned by her husband (her only source of income) and is now 18 weeks pregnant. She has two children at home. She is very distraught about her situation.

- 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 4

A 19-year-old woman is pregnant for the second time. She is now 17 weeks pregnant. 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.

- 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 5

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.

- 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?