



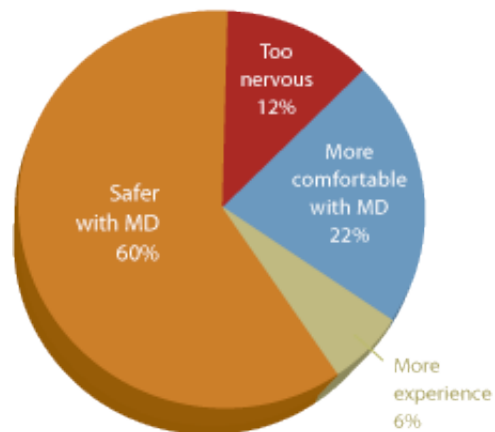


### Opt-out summary

This just in! From January '08 to December '09, one of our partner sites asked patients who declined APC provision (in favor of an MD-provided procedure) to specify their reason for doing so. The data show that the majority of patients (60%) who decline APC provision feel the procedure will be "safer" with an MD. Another quarter of patients (22%) say that they just feel "more comfortable" with an MD, while 12% are "too nervous," and a small percentage of patients (6%) explicitly state that they feel the MD has more experience.

### Patient reasons for declining APC provision.

(n=308)



### HWPP Project site visits

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), that oversees the Health Workforce Pilot Project Program and that grants us the waiver that enables our project to operate, hold annual site visits at all our Partner Organizations. The site visits are scheduled as follows:

- December 1, 2009—Planned Parenthood: Shasta-Diablo
- December 2, 2009—Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
- January 11, 2010—Planned Parenthood Los Angeles
- January 12, 2010—Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties

We will let you know how the site visits went in the next newsletter!

### Kaiser Permanente of Northern California starting training

We are all very excited that Kaiser Permanente of Northern California is now a research site and partner organization in the HWPP Project. They have one trainee in practice, integrating her aspiration abortion skills into her practice at KPNC's Richmond clinic. A second trainee began training last month. Welcome Kaiser!

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## HWPP Trainee and Research Coordinator Meeting



Twenty four HWPP project trainees and four research coordinators met in Oakland on November 2, 2009 for a day-long meeting to share program information, updates on curriculum, and the latest evaluation data—and to celebrate their work as abortion providers. Most important, it was an opportunity to get acquainted with staff members and fellow trainees from around the State and share information on the Project’s progress.

ANSIRH Director Tracy Weitz reminded the group that there are more advanced practice nurse and physician assistant aspiration abortion providers in California than in the rest of the country combined! Everyone felt the excitement of what we are doing to change access to abortion in California.

The day was also an important time for trainees to share their experiences about becoming abortion providers. One trainee shared that, “It was great seeing everyone, putting faces to voices. It is an honor being in this first group of APC providers.” Each shared story made it clear that providing patient-centered compassionate abortion care is a goal all our trainees share.

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Diana Taylor, Director of Research and Evaluation, summarized the Project's preliminary findings.

The day began with introductions and a welcome from Tracy Weitz, ANSIRH Director, followed by an overview of the HWPP Project from Molly Battistelli, HWPP Director. Kristin Nobel, HWPP Evaluator, gave an update on our research process to date, and Erin Schultz, HWPP Law and Policy Analyst, explained our far-reaching goals for policy change in California. Diana Taylor, Director of Research and Evaluation, and Amy Levi, Clinical Education Consultant, led a discussion about the Project's curriculum and evaluation protocols.

The research coordinators then went off to lunch and an afternoon session with Kristin Nobel to discuss the details and best practices of research protocols and data collection. After a lot of listening and digesting (of information and lunch), Diana and Amy facilitated an afternoon discussion between the trainees on the personal and emotional reactions experienced as participants in the HWPP Project.

The day was topped off with a wine and appetizer reception at the ANSIRH office. A few HWPP trainers were able to join us for the reception, and the larger ANSIRH staff was here to meet our new abortion providers.



If you weren't able to attend, please call and we would be happy to let you know about anything you missed. This inaugural meeting was such a success that we hope to hold these meetings annually, so please join us next year!

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## Providing Abortion Care: A Professional Toolkit



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We will be sending each trainee and coordinator the CD copy of the Toolkit.

The long awaited APC Toolkit: *Providing Abortion Care: A Professional Toolkit for Nurse-Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants* informs, supports, and catalyzes efforts to promote the provision of abortion by certified nurse-midwives, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.

Lead author, [Diana Taylor, RN, PhD](#), says the new APC Toolkit will prepare physician assistants and advanced practice nurses to advance their work in abortion care. Three organizations—ANSIRH, Abortion Access Project, and the National Abortion Federation—worked together to complete the Toolkit for new clinicians, advocates and clinicians in the field of reproductive health.

The Toolkit includes essential information and statistics about:

- Abortion and access to abortion
- Professional regulation, competencies, and responsibilities
- The roles of state and national professional organizations and state licensing boards

The Toolkit helps clinicians compile crucial evidence and documentation to support the integration of early abortion care by guiding clinicians in the development of a professional portfolio which documents:

- Basic and abortion—specialty education, knowledge, and training
- Clinical and professional standards used in providing safe care

It is [available in both a web-based and pdf format](#). We will be sending

each trainee and coordinator a CD copy and look forward to your feedback.

Along with the Toolkit, ANSIRH's Primary Care Initiative has also completed three issue briefs, which are short handouts on

educational issues for nurses in reproductive health  
the legal status of advanced practice nurses and physician assistants  
in providing abortion  
why scope of practice matters to reproductive health.

Please feel free to print and distribute both the Toolkit and the ANSIRH issue briefs.

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