Abortion-related emergency department (ED) visits in the United States

This study used data from the Nationwide Emergency Department Sample (NEDS) to analyze nearly 200 million ED visits among reproductive-age women from 2009 - 2013 in 1,000 hospitals across the U.S.

Of all ED visits for women of reproductive age from 2009 – 2013, only 15 per 100,000 were abortion-related.

Among all abortion-related visits, 51% received observation care only.

Percentage of ED visits resulting from complications during common procedures:
- Pregnancy: 1.4%
- Tonsillectomy: 1.4%
- Wisdom tooth removal: 1.0%
- Colonoscopy: 0.2%
- Abortion: 0.1%

Nationwide, 1.4% of ED visits were potentially for attempts at self-induced abortion, with highest rates in the South— which also has the most abortion deserts.

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