

Abortion & Consequences

Many support a woman's right to choose, but sadly few know the consequences of those choices. The Catholic Medical Association, supports your right to know. Women who have had an abortion are at higher risk for complications in future pregnancies, especially premature birth and low birth weight of their children^{1,2}. This puts their babies at risk for breathing problems, feeding problems, infections, heart problems, anemia and eye problems. To find out more, visit CathMed.org.

¹ Brown JS Jr, Adera T, Masho SW. Previous abortion and the risk of low birth weight and preterm births. *J Epidemiol Community Health*. 2008 Jan;62(1):16-22. (<http://jech.bmj.com/content/62/1/16.abstract>)

² John M. Thorp, Jr., M.D., Katherine E. Hartmann, M.D., Ph.D., Elizabeth Shadigan, M.D. Long-Term Physical and Psychological Health Consequences of Induced Abortion: A Review of the Evidence. *The Linacre Quarterly*, V72, pp44, 2005 (<http://lq.cathmed.metapress.com/content/h14j7850j1033p83/fulltext.pdf>); *Obstet Gynecol Surv*. 2003 Jan;58(1):67-79. Long-term physical and psychological health consequences of induced abortion: review of the evidence. Thorp JM Jr, Hartmann KE, Shadigan E. (<http://journals.lww.com/obgynsurvey/pages/articleviewer.aspx?year=2003&issue=01000&article=00023&type=abstract>)