

# **Linkages and partnerships in PAC**

## **The role of FIGO**

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# **Comprehensive Post- Abortion Care**

**in the Plans of action of the  
FIGO initiative for the  
prevention of Unsafe  
Abortion**

**Example of partnership**

# POST-ABORTION CARE IN PLANS OF ACTION OF THE FIGO INITIATIVE

Region	PAC in PoA
South America	7/8
Central America & Caribbean	8/8
Western-Central Africa	3/5
Eastern-Central-Southern Africa	3/7
North Africa Eastern Mediterranean	4/5
South-Southeast Africa	4/6
Eastern-Central Europe	4/4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33/43</b>

# Agencies and organizations collaborating with PAC activities

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- Asia Safe Abortion Partnership
- Concept Foundation
- EngendeHealth
- Gynuity
- International Consortium for Medical Abortion
- Ipas
- IPPF

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- Marie Stopes International
- Packard
- Pathfinder
- Population Council
- Population Services International
- UNFPA
- Ventures Initiatives
- WHO

# Role of Obstetricians Gynecologists in PAC

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Bound to FIGO guidelines

- **FIGO Professional and Ethical Responsibilities Concerning Sexual and Reproductive Rights**
- **Family Planning: A Key Component of Post-abortion Care**

## A. Professional Competence:

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- *1. Attain and maintain* the highest standards of professional competence in women's health, **utilizing the most current and best available medical evidence** within the context of available resources.

# **FIGO Professional and Ethical Responsibilities Applied to PAC**

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- **Use of newest technology:  
MVA, MA**

## A. Professional Competence:

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6. **Refuse** to practice, or support practices, that **violate human rights** or principles of medical ethics.

## B. Women's Autonomy and Confidentiality:

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3. *Adhere* to the principle of **non-discrimination** in order to assure that every woman is treated respectfully regardless of age, marital status, ethnicity, political affiliation, race, religion, economic status, disability, or other status

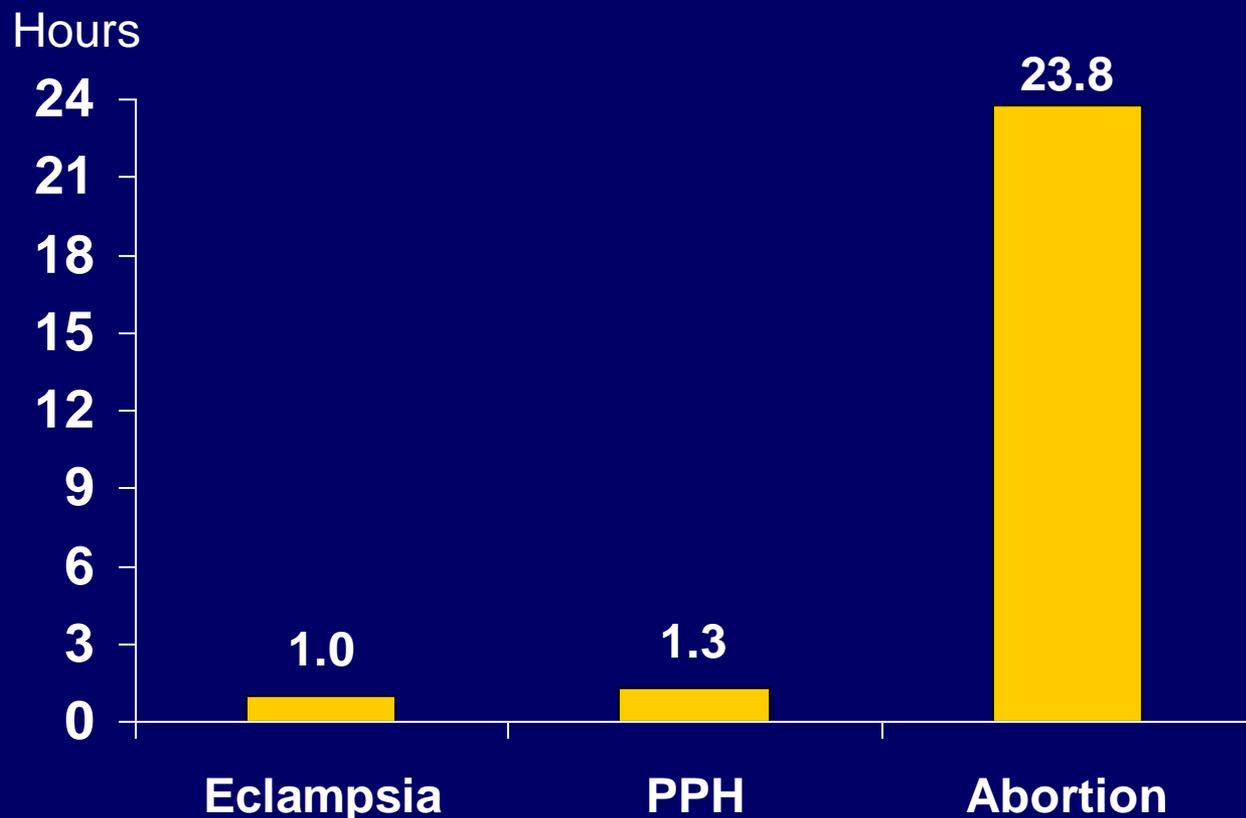
# **FIGO Professional and Ethical Responsibilities Applied to PAC**

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- **No discrimination of women with incomplete abortion**

# Delay in providing care according to cause of maternal death.

Gabon, 2005 – 2008



Source: Mayi-Tsonga S. et al. Delay in the provision of adequate care to women who died from abortion-related complications in the principal maternity hospital of Gabon. *Reproductive Health Matters* 2009;17(34):1-7

## B. Women's Autonomy and Confidentiality:

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1. **Ensure** that **confidentiality** will prevent privileged information and recorded documents from being shared verbally or otherwise, except as required by law or desired by the patient.

# FIGO Professional and Ethical Responsibilities Applied to PAC

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- **Protect confidentiality**

## C. Responsibility to the Community:

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3. **Advocate** for **appropriate resources** and care for women seeking better reproductive and sexual health to ensure the rights to the **highest attainable standard of health and the right to benefit from scientific progress.**

# **FIGO Professional and Ethical Responsibilities Applied to PAC**

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- **Use the professional status to promote adoption of best practices in PAC**

# **FAMILY PLANNING: A KEY COMPONENT OF POST-ABORTION CARE**

**Consensus Statement  
FIGO, ICM, ICN USAID**

# Consensus Statement on FP in Post-Abortion care

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- **All post-abortion women** should receive voluntary **post abortion family planning counseling.**

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- Provision of **universal access to post abortion family planning** should be a **standard of practice for doctors, nurses, and midwives.**

# FIGO Professional and Ethical Responsibilities Applied to PAC

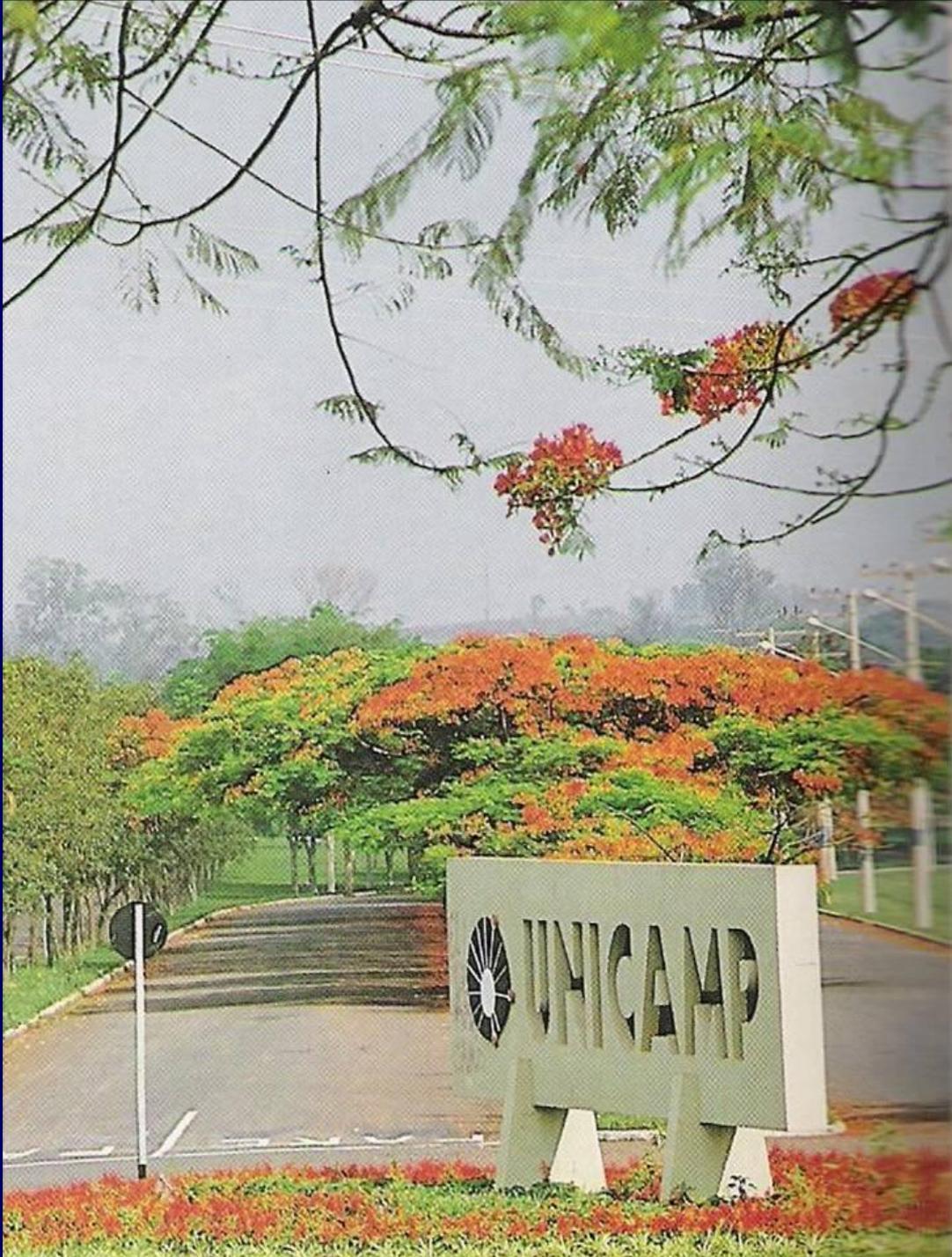
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**FIGO, ICM, and ICN health professionals have a special advocacy role with policymakers and governments for ensuring quality post abortion family planning services.**

# **Linkages and partnerships in PAC, the role of FIGO**

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**FIGO member societies should  
always be considered as  
potential partners in the  
promotion and implementation  
of PAC**



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