Ensuring Availability, Access, Choice and Quality of Life-saving Abortion Commodities: Challenges and Successes

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Reproductive Commodities Across the Continuum of Care













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Challenges Quality of Reproductive Health Commodities

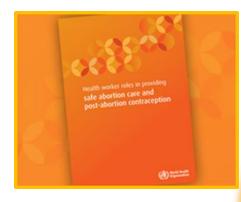


Opportunities Multi-use Technologies



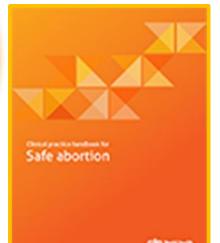


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Availability and Accessability of Care





What More Can We Do?

- Destigmatize and promote all indications for technologies such as misoprostol and MVA
- Inclusion of misoprostol for safe abortion on WHO Essential Medicines List
- Provide full Continuum of Care, including provision of safe abortion care and commodities, as a minimum standard for family planning services
- ✓ Repeal the Helms Amendment