

**AN INVESTIGATION OF CASES OF ECTOPIC PREGNANCIES IN WOMEN
WHO HAD EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS TREATMENT FAILURE
AT PUMWANI MATERNITY HOSPITAL, 2014.**

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Abstract

Reports of ectopic pregnancies after failure of emergency pills have been reported in various parts of the world. These emergency pills may be a combination of ethinyl estradiol and levornogestrol or levornogestrol alone. First dose has to be taken 12 hours of unprotected sex and a second dose 12 hours later. The broad objective of this study was to ascertain a possible link between emergency contraceptive pills and ectopic pregnancies in women attending Pumwani maternity hospital. The study also sought to ascertain the presence of ectopic pregnancies in women treated with emergency contraceptive and to ascertain whether there is age difference in women having ectopic pregnancies;. The sample size of the study was 271 patient records and 8 doctors. This study used both secondary and primary data. Secondary data was obtained from the patients records. In addition, 8 doctors were interviewed in relation to the subject of the study. Data obtained from this study was statistically analyzed. Results obtained from this study indicate that many patients who had ectopic pregnancies had used ECPs. Most of these patients had overdosed. From the results obtained its possible that misuse of ECPs was the likely cause of ectopic pregnancies.