

## COMPLICATIONS IN FUTURE PREGNANCIES

The November 15, 1984 edition of *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* contains an article entitled, "Postabortal pelvic infection associated with Chlamydia trachomatis and the influence of humoral immunity". The article notes that, "pelvic infection is a common and serious complication of induced abortion and has been reported in up to 30% of all cases." The following risks are associated with such a condition: "future infertility, chronic abdominal pain, or ectopic pregnancy".

The April 20, 1984 edition of *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly* reports that between 1970 and 1981, the time period in which abortion was legalized, the frequency of ectopic pregnancies increased by 300%.

The May 15, 1983 edition of *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* contains an article entitled, "The relationship between induced abortion and outcome of subsequent pregnancies". The article contains the following conclusion: "Complications such as bleeding in the first and third trimesters, abnormal presentations and premature rupture of the membranes, abruptio placentae, fetal distress, low birth weight, short gestation, and major malformations occurred more often among women with a history of two or more induced abortions." The article also identified a "twofold to threefold increased risk of spontaneous abortion for women with two or more previous induced abortions".