

Risks of later abortions on subsequent births

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New research indicates that a prior induced abortion poses only a very small risk of negative effects on births from subsequent pregnancies, but the risk is higher if the abortion is performed later in the pregnancy.

The *Acta Obstetricia et Gynecologica Scandinavica* study included 418,690 first-time mothers with singleton births between 1996 and 2013 in Finland. Investigators observed an [increased risk](#) of extremely [preterm birth](#) and very low birthweight among women with late abortion(s) when compared with those with early abortion(s).

When the analysis was restricted to only one abortion, women who had had a late abortion showed a higher risk of only extremely preterm birth compared with women who had experienced an early abortion.

More information: Situ KC et al, The duration of gestation at previous induced abortion and its impacts on subsequent births: A nationwide registry-based study, *Acta Obstetricia et*

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