

TITLE Fertility as the 6th Vital Sign

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Studies clearly show the following: access to birth control prevents unplanned pregnancy. Decreasing unplanned pregnancy decreases abortion. Of the 6.2 million pregnancies in the US annually, half are unplanned, and half of those result in elective termination of pregnancy.

This study will evaluate the effect on unplanned pregnancy rate of training providers to address fertility status with all female patients of child-bearing age about their desire for pregnancy, informing them of risk of unplanned pregnancy, and offering birth control for those who are 1) fertile 2) are not on birth control and 3) do not desire to have a pregnancy.