

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF POSTABORTION CARE

	Prevent unwanted pregnancies and unsafe abortion
Community and service provider partnerships	Mobilize resources to help women receive appropriate and timely care for complications from abortion
	Ensure that health services reflect and meet community expectations and needs
Counseling	Identify and respond to women's emotional and physical health needs and other concerns
Treatment	Treat incomplete and unsafe abortion and potentially life-threatening complications
Contraceptive and family planning services	Help women prevent an unwanted pregnancy or practice birth spacing
Reproductive and other health services	Preferably provide on-site, or via referrals to other accessible facilities in providers' networks

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