

Follow-Up Care Skills Checklist

Reminder: Routine follow-up after uterine evacuation using MVA is not necessary. If there are complications, the woman should return to the facility immediately. If the woman desires follow-up care, an optional visit may be scheduled one to two weeks after an abortion. If the woman returns for follow-up care, the provider should:

Skill	Yes	No	Comments
Confirms the success of the uterine evacuation			
Asks how the woman has been feeling since the procedure, including her bleeding pattern and whether pregnancy symptoms have resolved or continued			
Conducts a physical examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vital signs • Assess uterine size, tone, tenderness • Evaluate for completion of evacuation, infection 			
If there is any doubt, conducts or refers for an ultrasound to look for a gestational sac or an ongoing pregnancy			
Stabilizes, treats or refers for any acute problems and ensures that any earlier complications have been resolved			
Performs vacuum aspiration to complete the process in the case of a continuing pregnancy			
Informs the woman of what to expect following completion or continued treatment			
Reviews any laboratory tests results			
Provides a contraceptive method, if desired and not already provided			
Refers for other medical, gynecologic or counseling services where indicated			