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***Uterine Evacuation in Crisis Settings Using Manual Vacuum Aspiration***

**Advantages/Disadvantages of**

**Medical Intervention versus Vacuum Aspiration Chart**

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|  | **Medical Intervention** | **Vacuum Aspiration** |
| **Advantages** | > Avoids instrumentation, anesthesia  > More natural, like menses  > Less painful to some women  > Easier emotionally for some women  > Can be provided by mid-level staff  > Woman can be more in control, involved | > Quicker  > More certain  > Less painful to some women  > Easier emotionally for some women  > Can be provided by mid-level staff  > Provider controlled  > Woman can be less involved |
| **Disadvantages** | > Bleeding, cramping, nausea (actual  or feared)  > Waiting, uncertainty  > Depending on protocol, more or longer  clinic visits  > Cost | > Invasive  > Small risk of uterine or cervical injury  > Small risk of infection  > Loss of privacy, autonomy |