

The Law and Evidence on Self-Managed Abortion Virtual Panel Series

Panel 1: What does the empirical evidence on self-managed abortion tell us?



Dr. Caron Rahn Kim

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Kim is an obstetrician/gynaecologist with a subspecialty in complex contraception and abortion care. Dr. Kim holds a Bachelor of Arts from Yale University, a Doctor of Medicine from Virginia Commonwealth University and Masters in Science from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Kim trained and worked at University of California, Los Angeles before moving to Switzerland where she serves as a Medical Officer with the Prevention of Unsafe Abortion unit within the Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research. She is also part of the HRP SRH Outbreak team and have contributed to the emergency response to the Zika virus and COVID-19 outbreaks. Dr. Kim holds a special interest in adolescent health which stem from her prior experiences as a high school teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School district. She is the responsible technical officer for the Abortion care guideline and led the update process for the clinical and health systems recommendations.



Dr. Caitlin Gerdt

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Caitlin is an Epidemiologist by training whose research has included clinical and epidemiologic studies on abortion access and safety. Her methodologic expertise lies in study design and implementation, quantitative bias analysis, and causal inference methods. She has authored and co-authored over 60 peer-reviewed publications.



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Onikepe Owolabi is the Program Director of the Data-Driven Policy Initiative to Improve Women's Health at Vital Strategies. She currently oversees the implementation of programs aimed at strengthening the use of national reproductive health data for decision-making and policy making in Rwanda, Uganda, and Bangladesh.



Prof. Raquel Drovetta

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Raquel Drovetta is a sociologist and social anthropologist from Argentina. She holds a Doctorate in social anthropology from the Universidad de Buenos Aires and is a Professor of Sociology at the Universidad Nacional de Villa Maria. She is a researcher for the National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET) and her research focuses on self-managed abortion accompaniment models and networks in Latin America.