

Shah Study, 2009

Shah P. et al. Induced termination of pregnancy and low birth weight and preterm birth: a systematic review and meta-analysis BJOG 2009;116(11):1425-1442

Overview: Dr. Prakesh Shah's BJOG Abortion-Preemie Meta-Analysis 21 September 2009

Using data from 37 prior published APB studies Dr. Shah [4] reported:

- One induced abortion increases the risk for Pre Term Birth (<37 wks) in a subsequent pregnancy by 36% (RR 1.36)
- Two or more induced abortions increases that risk by 93% (RR 1.93---nearly double).
- One induced abortion increases the risk of Low Birth Weight (<5 _ pounds) by 35%, and more than one induced abortion increases that risk to 72%.
- Low-birth weight babies are at increased risk for serious health problems as newborns, lasting disabilities and even death.