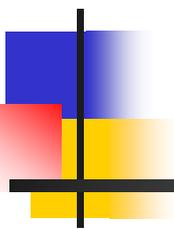


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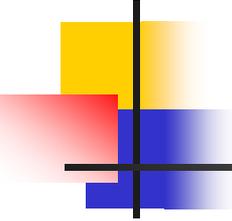


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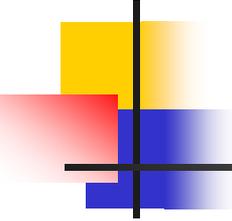
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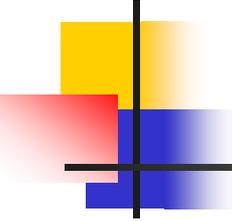
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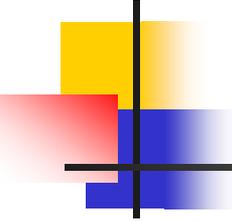
(a) Impact on medical abortion of legal limitations on surgical abortion

- Legal limitations on surgical abortion applied to medical abortion
- Physician-only laws or obstetrician-gynecologist-only laws
- Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP)
- Mandatory delay laws



(I) Barriers to Medical Abortion

- (b) Special limitations on medical abortion
- Insurance reimbursement
 - Drug regulations
 - Gestational limits
 - Conservative policies and “a conflict-averse medical culture”
 - Lack of trained providers and lack of information



(II) Overcoming the Barriers to Medical Abortion

- Medical abortion is a safe and effective method of abortion
- Legal advocacy using a human rights approach
- Empowering primary care providers and non-physician medical providers