

Are Full Term Pregnancies and Induced Abortions Separate Risk Factors in Female Auto-immune Diseases?

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ABSTRACT International comparisons are made for selected European countries of hospital treatments of auto-immune disease with trends in live births and induced abortions. The hypotheses to be examined are the influence of higher fertility rates and higher abortion rates as risk factors increasing the incidence of these diseases among women using data from seven European countries in respect of which some hospital data is available. It is found that the ratios of female to male incidence for these diseases are lower in countries with low abortion and high fertility rates.