

Abortion Outcomes & Inequities: Acceptability Study



SoLi has partnered with Nebraska Abortion Resources (NEAR) to better understand the abortion seeking experience of those who are supported by NEAR via a series of sequential research and evaluation projects. The first of these projects is the *Acceptability Study*. In this study, we will determine, *“how comfortable are people answering questions about themselves and their abortion-seeking experience for research purposes?”*

In this phase, we aim to:

1. Assess the acceptability of socio-demographic and abortion-seeking experience questions to those who sought abortion care in the past three years.
2. Identify the factors that contribute to the acceptability of these questions.

Who are the participants in this study?

- All individuals who have sought abortion care for themselves in the past three years are invited to participate.
- Because Nebraska is understudied and because NEAR serves abortion seekers in the NE area, we have included a targeted community sample of those living in NE.
- Intentional efforts were also made to recruit a racially/ethnically diverse sample.

What types of data will be collected?

- The Acceptability Study is a multi-method study and will include both quantitative survey data and qualitative interview data.
- Interviews will allow participants to provide detailed context about the acceptability of questions presented in the survey.

How is this study unique?

- To our knowledge, no such study has been conducted.
- The primary point of innovation for the proposed study is the inclusion of past abortion seekers in the development of abortion-related research designs and materials.
- By soliciting and utilizing feedback from a diverse, national sample of past abortion seekers, results from the proposed study are poised to inform a wide range of abortion-related research.

How can this study be applied?

- Understanding the acceptability of research and evaluation protocols and questions is essential to inform and develop guidelines
- Such guidelines can better support researchers, research ethics boards, and organizations that partner with researchers in developing ethical and empathetic research with abortion seekers, and ultimately enhance the support offered to those navigating the complexities of abortion access.