

**TABLE 5. Percentage distribution of steps taken by women who had attempted to end their pregnancy before coming to the hospital, by type of method, according to type of provider**

Method	Provider							
	Total (N=875)‡	Doctor (N=292)	Chemist (N=232)	Self (N=92)	Nurse/ midwife (N=81)	Friend/ partner/ relative (N=65)	Native doctor/ traditional healer (N=36)	Other (N=19)
Pills	26.3	3.8	55.6	52.2	11.1	47.7	0.0	10.5
Dilation and curettage	29.1	54.8	5.1	4.3	43.2	7.7	2.8	42.1
Injection	16.0	7.5	32.3	6.5	21.0	6.2	0.0	10.5
Manual vacuum aspiration	8.9	19.5	0.9	1.1	19.8	0.0	2.8	5.3
Native medicine, herbs	5.5	0.0	0.4	16.3	2.5	13.8	55.6	0.0
Inserted object	5.6	6.2	3.0	4.3	0.0	6.2	36.1	0.0
Others§	6.7	6.8	1.7	15.2	1.2	15.4	0.0	31.6
Did not specify/ did not know	1.8	1.4	0.9	0.0	1.2	3.1	2.8	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mean amount paid by patient (naira)	2,189	5,538	624	277	2,066	309	1,260	1,690
Mean days spent in hospital	1.7	2.5	1.5	1.4	2.4	1.4	1.9	2.7

‡N=number of steps women reported in the process of seeking an abortion before arriving in the hospital. A provider was not specified for 58 steps taken. §Other methods include drinking alcohol, massage and lifting heavy objects. Note: Distributions may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.