

Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania

Client Information: Abortion Options

| | Abortion Pill | | In-Clinic Abortion |
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| How well does it work? | 8 weeks or less | About 98 out of 100 times | It almost always works - over 99% of the |
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| | From 9 to 10 weeks | About 91 to 93 out of 100 | |
| | | times | |
| When can it be done? | Up to 10 weeks | | Up to 16.4 weeks |
| How does it happen? | In the clinic, you take mifepristone. At home, you take misoprostol 24 to 48 hours later to pass the pregnancy tissue. Some people need a second dose of misoprostol. You have a follow-up ultrasound or blood draw about a week later to make sure it worked. | | In the clinic, your doctor or nurse will use gentle suction to remove the pregnancy. You will be in a recovery area until it's safe to go home, usually after 15 to 45 minutes. In most cases, no follow-up appointment is needed. |
| How long does it take? | Usually 24 hours or less, but it can take up to several days. | | About 10 minutes. |
| How will I feel? | within 1 to 4 hours after may have cramping on You may also have Fever of 99-100°F | ong cramps and bleeding er taking the misoprostol. You and off for 1 or 2 more days. • Headache | You may feel Mild to moderate cramping during and after the abortion. You may have cramping on and off for 1 or 2 more days. |
| | ChillsDiarrheaNausea or vomiting | DizzinessBack painTiredness | |
| What can I do for pain? | Pain medicine is available. Your doctor or nurse will discuss your choices with you. | | |
| How much will I bleed? For how long? | Heavy bleeding with clots is common after taking misoprostol. Bleeding may continue on and off for 4 to 6 weeks. | | Light or medium bleeding is common for 1 to 7 days. Bleeding may continue on and off for 4 to 6 weeks. |
| What are the benefits? | It may feel more natural, like a miscarriage. Being at home may be more private and comfortable for you. | | It is over in a few minutes. You may have less bleeding than you would with the abortion pill. Clinic staff is there to support you. |
| What are the risks? | | you may need to have a to complete the process. | Possible injury to cervix, uterus or other organs. If it doesn't work, you may need to have a suction procedure to complete the process. |
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| How much does it cost? | Cost varies. State funding, private insurance and other funding sources may cover some of the costs. | | Cost varies. State funding, private insurance and other funding sources may cover some of the costs. |