

# CONSIDERING MEDICATION ABORTION

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Medication Abortion is a very safe and effective option.  
Serious problems are rare.

There are many myths about the effects of abortion. A medical provider can give accurate information about abortion pill side effects or any other concerns one may have.

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# WHAT IS A MEDICATION ABORTION?

Content Warning:  
Mention of blood

## HOW IT WORKS & WHERE TO FIND IT



# MEDICATION ABORTION

Also known as the Abortion Pill

## What does it do?

Ends an early pregnancy

## What are the names of the medications?

Mifepristone (Mifeprex®) AND  
Misoprostol (Cytotec®)

## What's in the medications? How do they work?

Mifepristone stops a pregnancy from continuing. Misoprostol causes cramping so the pregnancy comes out of the uterus.

## How well does it work?

Abortion pills work about 98-99% of the time. If the pills don't work, a person may try the pills again or have an abortion procedure.

## When is it taken?

It works in early pregnancy, **up to 10 weeks** from the first day of a person's last period. They are given the 1st medication (Mifepristone) at the appointment. Then they take the 2nd medication (Misoprostol) at home, 24 to 48 hours later

## What happens to the body?

After taking the 1st medication, most people feel fine. After taking the 2nd medication, heavy bleeding, often with clots can occur. This lasts for a couple hours & lighter bleeding may last 1-4 weeks.

Pain varies from mild to strong cramps off & on. Other symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or chills may occur.

## How much does it cost?

At the Cal Poly Humboldt Student Health Center, the cost for medication abortion is up to \$100. (no insurance billed)

## Is it covered by insurance?

Many insurance plans now cover abortion pill. Check with the specific insurance company to see if it is covered. If using insurance is preferred, there are other locations that someone can go, like Planned Parenthood.

## Where to find it:

The Cal Poly Humboldt Student Health Center offers Medication Abortion Services. Ask a health care provider about the abortion pill.

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