

Client Information  
Comparison of Abortion Options



If you are pregnant, you have 3 options – abortion, adoption, and parenting. We can talk about any of these options with you, and can help you with whatever you decide to do.

	<b>Abortion Pill</b> <i>Medication abortion</i>	<b>In-Clinic Abortion</b> <i>Aspiration abortion</i>
<b>How well does it work?</b>	Works about 98% of the time.	Works over 99% of the time.
<b>When can it be done?</b>	Up to 9 weeks.	Up to 20 weeks.
<b>How does it happen?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the clinic, you take mifepristone (the abortion pill).</li> <li>At home, you take misoprostol pills 24 to 48 hours later to pass the pregnancy tissue.</li> <li>You come back to the clinic for a follow-up ultrasound or blood draw about a week later to make sure it worked.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the clinic, the doctor or nurse will use gentle suction to remove the pregnancy tissue.</li> <li>You will be in a recovery area until it's safe to go home, usually after 15 to 45 minutes.</li> <li>In most cases, no follow-up appointment is needed.</li> </ul>
<b>How long does it take?</b>	Usually within 24 hours, but it can take up to several days.	About 10 minutes.
<b>How will I feel?</b>	<p>You'll start to have strong cramps and bleeding within 1 to 4 hours after taking the misoprostol. You may have cramping on and off for 1 or 2 more days.</p> <p>You may also have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A fever of 99-100° F</li> <li>Headache</li> <li>Diarrhea</li> <li>Dizziness</li> <li>Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>Back pain</li> <li>Fatigue</li> </ul>	<p>You may feel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mild to moderate cramping during and after the abortion. Cramping on and off may last for 1 or 2 more days.</li> <li>Tired (from medicines used).</li> </ul>
<b>What can I do for pain?</b>	Pain medicines will be available.	
<b>How much will I bleed? For how long?</b>	Heavy bleeding with clots is common after taking misoprostol. Bleeding may continue on and off for 4 to 6 weeks.	Light or medium bleeding for 1 to 7 days is common. Bleeding may continue on and off for 4 to 6 weeks.
<b>What are the benefits?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It may feel more natural, like a miscarriage.</li> <li>Being at home may be more private and comfortable for you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is over in a few minutes.</li> <li>You may have less bleeding than you would with the abortion pill.</li> <li>Clinic staff is there to support you.</li> </ul>
<b>What are the risks?</b>	If it doesn't work, you may need to have an aspiration procedure to complete the process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible injury to the uterus or other organs.</li> <li>If it doesn't work, you may need to have another aspiration procedure to complete the process.</li> </ul>
For both procedures, risks include:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heavy bleeding</li> <li>Blood clots in the uterus</li> <li>Infection</li> <li>Pregnancy tissue left in the uterus</li> <li>Continuing pregnancy</li> <li>Allergic reactions to drugs used</li> <li>Death</li> </ul>		
<b>How much does it cost?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost varies.</li> <li>Private insurance and other funding sources may cover some of the costs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost varies.</li> <li>Private insurance and other funding sources may cover some of the costs.</li> </ul>