**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE OF UTAH-** The Utah Department of Health provides information about the developing embryo and fetus, about abortion and about abortion alternatives available at [**www.health.utah.gov/rhp**](http://www.health.utah.gov/rhp). If you do not have access to a home computer, please go to your nearest public library to access this information.

|  | **Abortion Pill** | **In-Clinic Abortion** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **How well does it work?** |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 8 weeks or less | About 98 out of 100 times |
| From 8 to 9 weeks | About 96 out of 100 times |
| From 9 to 10 weeks | About 93 out of 100 times |

 | It almost always works - over 99% of the time. |
| **When can it be done?** | Up to 10 weeks  | Up to 22 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.
* 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 for the actual procedure. You will be in the clinic 1-4 hours. |
| **How will I feel?** | 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.You may also have  | 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.
 |
| * Fever of 99-100°F
* Chills
* Diarrhea
* Nausea or vomiting
 | * Headache
* Dizziness
* Back pain
* Tiredness
 |
| **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?** | * If it doesn’t work, you may need to have a suction procedure 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.
 |
| For both procedures, risks include |
| * Pregnancy does not end
* Some of the pregnancy left in uterus
* Blood clots in uterus
* Heavy bleeding
 | * Infection
* Allergic reaction to medicines used
* Death
 |
| **How much does it cost?** | * Cost varies.
* Insurance and other funding sources may cover some of the costs.
 | * Cost varies.
* Insurance and other funding sources may cover some of the costs.
 |