

## You are scheduled for the Abortion Pill (Medication Abortion).

Please call us at 1-866-476-1321 if you have any questions about your appointment.

- Call if you have questions or concerns about paying for your abortion. Payment is due at the time of your visit.
- Call if you have insurance – we can check to see if your insurance will cover your abortion.
- Call if you want more information on comfort measures (options for sedation or pain medicine).

We may call you with questions – our number is blocked on Caller ID.

### How can I pay for the visit?

Payment is due at the time of your visit. Please call us if you have questions or concerns about paying.

- You can pay with Cash, Money Order, Visa, Mastercard, or Discover. We do not take American Express.
- If you use a credit card, the person whose name is on the credit card must be with you to sign the receipt. We cannot take a credit card payment over the phone.
- We cannot take checks for abortion visits.

### What are my options for pain medicine?

We recommend you take Ibuprofen during the abortion. If you would like extra pain medicine, we can write a prescription for you.

### Do I need a ride?

You can drive yourself after your Abortion Pill appointment.

### Where can I park?

Most sites have a parking lot on site or nearby, or there is on-street parking around the health center. If you are scheduled at one of the following sites, there are special parking instructions:

Burlington, VT	In the garage immediately next to our building, there are 10 parking spots clearly labeled for PPNNE parking.
Portland, ME	PPNNE will pay for all-day parking at the Portland Public Market Garage (315 Cumberland Ave, Portland, ME) which is one block down Elm St from the Health Center. Bring your ticket from the garage and we will stamp it. Your visit will probably last longer than 2 hours, so we would encourage you to park in the Portland Public Market Garage.
White River Junction, VT	Parking is available on the street as well as the free Municipal Parking Lot behind our building.

### How long will I be there?

Your safety is what's most important to us. How long you are here will depend on how many patients are scheduled and what kind of visit you're having. **Our goal for visit times, without guarantees:**

Abortion Pill (Medication Abortion) – 1 ½ -2 hours minimum

In-clinic Abortion procedure up to 12 weeks – 3 ½ hours minimum

In-clinic Abortion procedure over 12 weeks – 5 hours minimum

### Can anyone come with me?

We encourage you to have the support of a friend, partner, or relative during your visit. Due to limited space in the waiting room, we allow patients to have one support person to stay for the visit.

- You can choose how involved you want your support person to be. We will always start the visit with just you. Your support person can be with you for most parts of your visit and is welcome to ask questions. There may be times where we need to ask your support person to wait in the waiting room.
- Please make arrangements for child care.

**Can I eat or drink before the appointment?**

Yes, you can eat normally before your Abortion Pill appointment.

**What will happen during my appointment?**

You will meet with a few different staff people during your visit. We will go over your medical history. You will have an ultrasound unless you have had one recently at Planned Parenthood. We will review information about your abortion and when to call us after. We will do some lab work. If you want birth control, we can talk about that too.

You will swallow one pill (Mifepristone) to take in the office. This medicine ends the pregnancy. We will give you another medicine, Misoprostol, to use at home 1-2 days later. This medicine causes your uterus to cramp and bleed to pass the pregnancy. We will also give you some other medicine to help with side effects. For most people, the process takes about 5 hours, but it may take up to 24 hours.

We will want you to come back to Planned Parenthood in 1-2 weeks for a follow-up appointment to make sure the abortion is complete.

You can watch a short Planned Parenthood video about the Abortion Pill here:

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/abortion/the-abortion-pill>

**Can I get birth control at my appointment?**

Yes – we can talk to you about birth control options.

**What if I change my mind about having an abortion?**

That's OK – we are here to help you with whatever choice is best for you, in whatever way we can. If you have questions or would like to talk about other pregnancy options, please ask a staff member.

**Is there Wi-Fi?**

We have free wi-fi available in the waiting room.

**Will anyone know I am there?**

Confidentiality is a top priority for us, and HIPAA privacy policies are strictly followed. Please let a staff member know if you have a specific concern about confidentiality or safety.

Filming and photography are not allowed in our health care facilities. Do not take pictures or video in the health center.

**Will there be protesters?**

Some of our health centers have protesters outside. We recommend that you not talk to or engage with the protestors. Please let us know if you would like to leave a written report about your experience with them at your visit.

**If you are under 18 years old...**

We encourage you to talk to a parent or trusted adult. If you would like to talk about your pregnancy options, please call us at 1-866-476-1321.

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