

## Medication Abortion Options

	Mifepristone + Misoprostol	Misoprostol Only
<b>How does it work?</b>	Two medicines are used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mifepristone</b> causes the pregnancy to detach.</li> <li>• <b>Misoprostol</b> causes the uterus to contract and push the pregnancy out of your body.</li> </ul>	One medicine is used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Misoprostol</b> causes the uterus to contract and push the pregnancy out of your body.</li> </ul>
<b>How well does it work?</b>	About <b>95%</b> of the time, the pregnancy ends without additional treatment (medication or a procedure)	About <b>85-90%</b> of the time, the pregnancy ends without additional treatment (medication or a procedure)
<b>How long will it take?</b>	Usually bleeding and cramping start 1-4 hours after misoprostol, but can take up to 24 hours	Usually bleeding and cramping start within 24 hours of taking misoprostol, but can take longer
<b>How will I feel?</b>	You will start having strong cramps and heavy bleeding within a few hours of taking the misoprostol. You may have bleeding and cramping on and off for a few days. You may also have nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, chills, and fever. These are common side effects from misoprostol and should not last more than 24 hours.	
<b>How much will I bleed?</b>	Heavy bleeding and passing clots is expected after taking misoprostol. Some people may have less bleeding if they take the medication very early in pregnancy. Bleeding may continue on and off for 4 to 6 weeks after the abortion.	
<b>What are some other important differences?</b>	Mifepristone + misoprostol is the most commonly used medication abortion regimen in the United States.	Misoprostol-only abortion is also safe and effective and is used throughout the world. It may be used when mifepristone is not available.
	Usually requires 1-2 doses of misoprostol	Usually requires 3-5 doses of misoprostol
	May cause less side effects (nausea, diarrhea, fever, and chills)	May cause more side effects because there is more misoprostol (nausea, diarrhea, fever, and chills)
	More likely to completely end the pregnancy without additional treatment	Slightly more likely to need additional medication or an abortion procedure