# Women's Med

# **Abortion by Pill**

Please read the following pages prior to your appointment.

Reviewing these pages before your appointment will reduce the time you will need to spend in our office.

You do not need to print these pages. We will provide you printed pages at your appointment.

Thank You



#### **MEDICATION GUIDE**

Mifeprex (MIF-eh-prex) (mifepristone) tablets, for oral use

Read this information carefully before taking Mifeprex and misoprostol. It will help you understand how the treatment works. This Medication Guide does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider.

# What is the most important information I should know about Mifeprex?

What symptoms should I be concerned with? Although cramping and bleeding are an expected part of ending a pregnancy, rarely, serious and potentially life-threatening bleeding, infections, or other problems can occur following a miscarriage, surgical abortion, medical abortion, or childbirth. Seeking medical attention as soon as possible is needed in these circumstances. Serious infection has resulted in death in a very small number of cases. There is no information that use of Mifeprex and misoprostol caused these deaths. If you have any questions, concerns, or problems, or if you are worried about any side effects or symptoms, you should contact us at 937-293-7324 (if no answer call 513-244-9983).

#### Be sure to contact your healthcare provider promptly if you have any of the following:

- Heavy Bleeding. Contact your healthcare provider right away if you bleed enough to soak through two thick full-size sanitary pads per hour for two consecutive hours or if you are concerned about heavy bleeding. In about 1 out of 100 women, bleeding can be so heavy that it requires a surgical procedure (surgical aspiration or D&C).
- Abdominal Pain or "Feeling Sick." If you have abdominal pain or discomfort, or you are "feeling sick," including
  weakness, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, with or without fever, more than 24 hours after taking misoprostol, you
  should contact your healthcare provider without delay. These symptoms may be a sign of a serious infection or
  another problem (including an ectopic pregnancy, a pregnancy outside the womb).
- **Fever.** In the days after treatment, if you have a fever of 100.4°F or higher that lasts for more than 4 hours, you should contact your healthcare provider right away. Fever may be a symptom of a serious infection or another problem.

If you cannot reach your healthcare provider, go to the nearest hospital emergency room. Take this Medication Guide with you. When you visit an emergency room or a healthcare provider who did not give you your Mifeprex, you should give them your Medication Guide so that they understand that you are having a medical abortion with Mifeprex.

What to do if you are still pregnant after Mifeprex with misoprostol treatment. If you are still pregnant, your healthcare provider will talk with you about a surgical procedure to end your pregnancy. In many cases, this surgical procedure can be done in the office/clinic. The chance of birth defects if the pregnancy is not ended is unknown.

**Talk with your healthcare provider.** Before you take Mifeprex, you should read this Medication Guide and you and your healthcare provider should discuss the benefits and risks of your using Mifeprex.



# What is Mifeprex?

Mifeprex is used in a regimen with another prescription medicine called misoprostol, to end an early pregnancy. Early pregnancy means it is 70 days (10 weeks) or less since your last menstrual period began. Mifeprex is not approved for ending pregnancies that are further along. Mifeprex blocks a hormone needed for your pregnancy to continue. When you use Mifeprex on Day 1, you also need to take another medicine called misoprostol 24 to 48 hours after you take Mifeprex, to cause the pregnancy to be passed from your uterus.

The pregnancy is likely to be passed from your uterus within 2 to 24 hours after taking Mifeprex and misoprostol. When the pregnancy is passed from the uterus, you will have bleeding and cramping that will likely be heavier than your usual period. About 2 to 7 out of 100 women taking Mifeprex will need a surgical procedure because the pregnancy did not completely pass from the uterus or to stop bleeding.

# Who should not take Mifeprex?

Some women should not take Mifeprex. Do not take Mifeprex if you:

- Have a pregnancy that is more than 70 days (10 weeks). Your healthcare provider may do a clinical examination, an ultrasound examination, or other testing to determine how far along you are in pregnancy.
- Are using an IUD (intrauterine device or system). It must be taken out before you take Mifeprex.
- Have been told by your healthcare provider that you have a pregnancy outside the uterus (ectopic pregnancy).
- Have problems with your adrenal glands (chronic adrenal failure).
- Take a medicine to thin your blood.
- Have a bleeding problem.
- Have porphyria.
- Take certain steroid medicines.
- Are allergic to mifepristone, misoprostol, or medicines that contain misoprostol, such as Cytotec or Arthrotec.

Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure about all your medical conditions before taking this medicine to find out if you can take Mifeprex.

# What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking Mifeprex?

# Before you take Mifeprex, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- cannot follow-up within approximately 7 to 14 days of your first visit
- are breastfeeding. Mifeprex can pass into your breast milk. The effect of the Mifeprex and misoprostol regimen on the breast fed infant or on milk production is unknown.
- are taking medicines, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

  Mifeprex and certain other medicines may affect each other if they are used together. This can cause side effects.



### **How should I take Mifeprex?**

- Mifeprex will be given to you by a healthcare provider in a clinic, medical office, or hospital.
- You and your healthcare provider will plan the most appropriate location for you to take the misoprostol, because it
  may cause bleeding, cramps, nausea, diarrhea, and other symptoms that usually begin within 2 to 24 hours after
  taking it.
- Most women will pass the pregnancy within 2 to 24 hours after taking the misoprostol tablets.

# Follow the instruction below on how to take Mifeprex and misoprostol:

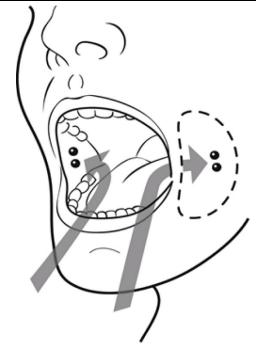
#### Mifeprex (1 tablet) orally + misoprostol (4 tablets) buccally

# **Day 1:**

- Take 1 Mifeprex tablet by mouth.
- Your healthcare provider will either give you or prescribe for you 4 misoprostol tablets to take 24 to 48 hours later.

# 24 to 48 hours after taking Mifeprex:

- Place 2 misoprostol tablets in each cheek pouch (the area between your teeth and cheek - see Figure A) for 30 minutes and then swallow anything left over with a drink of water or another liquid.
- The medicines may not work as well if you take misoprostol sooner than 24 hours after Mifeprex or later than 48 hours after Mifeprex.
- Misoprostol often causes cramps, nausea, diarrhea, and other symptoms. Your healthcare provider may send you home with medicines for these symptoms.



**Figure A** (2 tablets between your left cheek and gum and 2 tablets between your right cheek and gum).

# Follow-up Assessment at Day 7 to 14:

- This follow-up assessment is very important. You must follow-up with your healthcare provider about 7 to 14 days
  after you have taken Mifeprex to be sure you are well and that you have had bleeding and the pregnancy has
  passed from your uterus.
- Your healthcare provider will assess whether your pregnancy has passed from your uterus. If your pregnancy
  continues, the chance that there may be birth defects is unknown. If you are still pregnant, your healthcare provider
  will talk with you about a surgical procedure to end your pregnancy.
- If your pregnancy has ended, but has not yet completely passed from your uterus, your provider will talk with you
  about other choices you have, including waiting, taking another dose of misoprostol, or having a surgical procedure
  to empty your uterus.



# When should I begin birth control?

You can become pregnant again right after your pregnancy ends. If you do not want to become pregnant again, start using birth control as soon as your pregnancy ends or before you start having sexual intercourse again.

# What should I avoid while taking Mifeprex and misoprostol?

Do not take any other prescription or over-the-counter medicines (including herbal medicines or supplements) at any time during the treatment period without first asking your healthcare provider about them because they may interfere with the treatment. Ask your healthcare provider about what medicines you can take for pain and other side effects.

### What are the possible side effects of Mifeprex and misoprostol?

Mifeprex may cause serious side effects. See "What is the most important information I should know about Mifeprex?"

Cramping and bleeding. Cramping and vaginal bleeding are expected with this treatment. Usually, these symptoms mean that the treatment is working. But sometimes you can get cramping and bleeding and still be pregnant. This is why you must follow-up with your healthcare provider approximately 7 to 14 days after taking Mifeprex. See "How should I take Mifeprex?" for more information on your follow-up assessment. If you are not already bleeding after taking Mifeprex, you probably will begin to bleed once you take misoprostol, the medicine you take 24 to 48 hours after Mifeprex. Bleeding or spotting can be expected for an average of 9 to 16 days and may last for up to 30 days. Your bleeding may be similar to, or greater than, a normal heavy period. You may see blood clots and tissue. This is an expected part of passing the pregnancy.

The most common side effects of Mifeprex treatment include: nausea, weakness, fever/chills, vomiting, headache, diarrhea and dizziness. Your provider will tell you how to manage any pain or other side effects. These are not all the possible side effects of Mifeprex.

Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about any side effects that bother you or do not go away. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

# General information about the safe and effective use of Mifeprex.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about Mifeprex. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You may ask your healthcare provider for information about Mifeprex that is written for healthcare professionals.

For more information about Mifeprex, go to www.earlyoptionpill.com or call 1-877-4 Early Option (1-877-432-7596).

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# **Directions for Taking Your Medications**

There are four medications that you will take for your medical (abortion pill) abortion. They are:

Mifepristone or RU486 – interrupts the pregnancy

Misoprostol – makes the uterus contract and and pushes the pregnancy out

Ibuprofen – a pain killer and anti-inflammatory

Zofran – an anti-nausea medication

Today you took the first of the four medications, mifepristone

As soon as 24 hours after taking mifepristonebut no later than 48 hours you will take the remaining medications.

First take the following with water and food, as all your medications can cause nausea: Four Ibuprofen

Taking the pain medication now will insure your pain medication is in your blood stream/system should you have cramps.

One hour after taking the above medications place the Zofran in your mouth and let it dissolve. After it has dissolved, place all four misoprostol between your cheeks and gums as shown on the mifepristone instruction sheets. They are in the baggy or bottle marked misoprostol. Leave them in your cheeks for 30 minutes, then swallow them with water.

You may experience cramping and bleeding starting 30-60 minutes after you take your Cytotec. This usually lasts between 4 and 6 hours. Continue to take 2 Ibuprofen every 4 hours as needed for pain. You may have clots with your bleeding, do not be alarmed. You may have large, even lemon sized clots and bleed quite heavily, filling up to 2 pads in an hour. **This may last for an hour or two. If it lasts more than two hours, call us immediately at one of the numbers below.** 

At some point you will pass the pregnancy and the cramping will ease. The pregnancy may look like a fuzzy clump of clot or a semi-clear ball. However, a few patients may not experience any of this until a day or two later.

[ ] If you are 8 weeks or greater	in the pregnancy, we have given you a	and dose of Misoprostol. Pleas	se
call the office on	to be advised on whether or not you	will need to use this medication	1.

Be sure to keep you follow-up appointment, it is included in the fee you have paid. We will perform an ultrasound to be sure that your uterus is empty. If it is not, we will discuss treatment options with you. Any additional treatment that may be required is also included in the fee you have already paid.

You may call one of our 24 hour numbers if you have questions or experience any unusual symptoms.

Dayton	937 293 7324	If no answer at the numbers, call us at
Indianapolis	317 359 6802	513 244 9983

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#### PATIENT AGREEMENT FORM



Healthcare Providers: Counsel the patient on the risks of Mifeprex\*. Both you and the patient must sign this form.

#### Patient Agreement:

- **1.** I have decided to take Mifeprex and misoprostol to end my pregnancy and will follow my provider's advice about when to take each drug and what to do in an emergency.
- 2. I understand:
  - a. I will take Mifeprex on Day 1.
  - b. My provider will either give me or prescribe for me the misoprostol tablets which I will take 24 to 48 hours after I take Mifeprex.
- 3. My healthcare provider has talked with me about the risks including:
  - heavy bleeding
  - infection

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- ectopic pregnancy (a pregnancy outside the womb)
- 4. I will contact the clinic/office right away if in the days after treatment I have:
  - a fever of 100.4°F or higher that lasts for more than four hours
  - severe stomach area (abdominal) pain
  - heavy bleeding (soaking through two thick full-size sanitary pads per hour for two hours in a row)
  - stomach pain or discomfort, or I am "feeling sick", including weakness, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, more than 24 hours after taking misoprostol
- **5.** My healthcare provider has told me that these symptoms could require emergency care. If I cannot reach the clinic or office right away my healthcare provider has told me who to call and what to do.
- **6.** I should follow up with my healthcare provider about 7 to 14 days after I take Mifeprex to be sure that my pregnancy has ended and that I am well.
- **7.** I know that, in some cases, the treatment will not work. This happens in about 2 to 7 out of 100 women who use this treatment. If my pregnancy continues after treatment with Mifeprex and misoprostol, I will talk with my provider about a surgical procedure to end my pregnancy.
- **8.** If I need a surgical procedure because the medicines did not end my pregnancy or to stop heavy bleeding, my healthcare provider has told me whether they will do the procedure or refer me to another healthcare provider who will.
- **9.** I have the MEDICATION GUIDE for Mifeprex. I will take it with me if I visit an emergency room or a healthcare provider who did not give me Mifeprex so that they will understand that I am having a medical abortion with Mifeprex.
- 10. My healthcare provider has answered all my questions.

Patient Signature:	Patient Name (print):	_Date:
The patient signed the PATIENT AGREEMENT have given her the MEDICATION GUIDE for Mif		r and answered all her questions. I
Provider's Signature:	Name of Provider (print):	Date:
After the patient and the provider sign this PATIE and put 1 copy in her medical record.	ENT AGREEMENT, give 1 copy to the	ne patient before she leaves the office

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