

Early Abortion Options

	Abortion Pill	Abortion Procedure
How far along in the pregnancy can I be?	Up to 10 weeks from the first day of your last period.	Up to 12 weeks from the first day of your last period.
What will happen?	<p>The abortion happens at home.</p> <p>During your appointment, you will get the first abortion pill (mifepristone) which you will take at a time that works best for you.</p> <p>You will likely feel fine after taking mifepristone. You may have some nausea.</p> <p>6-72 hours later, you insert four misoprostol pills.</p> <p>The cramping and bleeding starts 1-4 hours after you insert the misoprostol. You will have heavy bleeding and cramps for a few hours.</p> <p>You will follow up with your health care provider 7-14 days later.</p>	<p>The abortion happens in the office.</p> <p>The actual abortion procedure takes 5 to 10 minutes.</p> <p>Your health care provider puts instruments in your vagina and uterus to remove the pregnancy.</p> <p>You may have a return visit to your regular health care provider or to the office where you had the abortion 1-2 weeks later.</p>
How painful is it?	You may have mild to very strong cramps off and on during the abortion. Pain pills help.	You may have mild to very strong cramps during the abortion. Pain pills help.
How much will I bleed?	Expect heavy bleeding with clots during the abortion. After that, lighter bleeding may continue off and on for a few weeks.	You may have light bleeding for 1-7 days. Bleeding may continue off and on for a few weeks.
How much does it cost?	For both types of abortion, the exact cost depends on where you go.	
Can the abortion fail?	The pills work 98-99% of the time. If the pills fail, you may try the pills again or have an abortion procedure.	It works 99% of the time. If it fails, you must have a repeat abortion procedure.
Can I still have children afterwards?	Yes. Neither type of abortion lowers your chances of getting pregnant or staying pregnant in the future.	

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Is it safe?	Both pills have been used safely for over 10 years. Big problems are rare. Abortion is at least 10 times safer than continuing a pregnancy.	The suction abortion procedure has been done safely for over 40 years. Abortion in the first 12 weeks leads to very few problems. Abortion is at least 10 times safer than continuing a pregnancy.
What are the advantages?	<p>You won't have shots, anesthesia, or instruments in your body.</p> <p>It may feel more natural, like a miscarriage.</p> <p>Being at home instead of in an office may feel more private.</p> <p>You can choose to have someone with you, or you can be alone.</p>	<p>It is over in a few minutes.</p> <p>It works 99% of the time.</p> <p>You see less bleeding than you would with a pill abortion.</p> <p>Medical staff members are with you during the abortion.</p> <p>It can be done later in the pregnancy than a pill abortion.</p>
What are the disadvantages?	<p>It takes 1-2 days to complete the abortion.</p> <p>Bleeding can be very heavy and may last longer than with a suction abortion procedure.</p> <p>Cramps can be severe and may last longer than with an abortion procedure.</p> <p>It cannot be done as late in pregnancy as an abortion procedure.</p> <p>It cannot end a tubal or ectopic pregnancy.</p>	<p>A health care provider must insert instruments inside the uterus.</p> <p>Anesthetics and pain medicines may cause side effects.</p> <p>You have less control over the abortion procedure. You may not be able to choose who is with you.</p> <p>The suction device may be noisy.</p> <p>It cannot end a tubal or ectopic pregnancy.</p>