

Early Abortion Options

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How far along in the pregnancy can I be?	Up to 11 weeks from the first day of your last period.	Up to 12 weeks from the first day of your last period.
What will happen?	The abortion happens at home. You take the first abortion pill (mifepristone) at a time that works best for you. You will likely feel fine after taking the first pill. You may have some nausea. Later you insert four misoprostol pills. The cramping and bleeding starts a few hours after you insert the misoprostol. You will have heavy bleeding and cramps. You do not need a routine follow-up visit. You can have a phone call or in-person visit with your clinician 1-2 weeks later.	The abortion happens in the office. The actual abortion procedure takes 5 to 10 minutes. Your clinician puts instruments in your vagina and uterus to remove the pregnancy. You do not need a routine follow-up visit. You can have a phone call or in-person visit with your regular clinician or at the office where you had the abortion 1-2 weeks later.
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 are safe. Big problems are rare.	The suction abortion procedure is safe. Abortion in the first 12 weeks leads to very few problems.
Things to Know	It takes 1-2 days to complete the abortion. Bleeding can be very heavy and may last longer than with a suction abortion procedure. You won't have shots, anesthesia, or instruments in your body. Being at home instead of in an office may feel more private. You can choose to have someone with you, or you can be alone. It cannot be done as late in pregnancy as an abortion procedure. Cramps can be severe and may last longer than with an abortion procedure. It may feel more natural, like a miscarriage. It cannot end a tubal or ectopic pregnancy.	It is over in a few minutes. You see less bleeding than you would with an abortion with pills. A clinician must insert instruments inside the uterus. You have less control over the abortion procedure. You may not be able to choose who is with you. It can be done later in the pregnancy than an abortion with pills. Anesthetics and pain medicine may cause side effects. The suction device may be noisy. It cannot end a tubal or ectopic pregnancy.

Resources to Find Abortion Care: www.abortionfinder.org, www.ineedana.com