**Medication Abortion in Early Pregnancy Workshop**

Facilitator’s Guide

**Overview**

This presentation is designed to be both didactic and interactive. Use the slide deck provided to guide participants through the content and conversations. The notes within the slide deck contain the content of this workshop. There are two additional case studies to use with participants, including a facilitator’s guide and participant guide. The workshop should take up to two hours to complete. If you are interested in providing CME for this workshop, please reaching out to [info@reproductiveaccess.org](mailto:info@reproductiveaccess.org).

**Slide Deck**

**Workshop Objectives**

1. Describe the baseline unintended pregnancy rates in the US which lead to the need for abortion care.
2. Explain the tenets of non-judgmental options counseling.
3. Access resources for the updated protocol for medication abortion so that it can be integrated into primary care practice.

**Background Data**

Slides 4-8 provide some grounding and background data for why abortion services generally and medication abortion services specifically are needed.

**Introducing Medication Abortion**

Slides 9-16 provide foundational information about medication abortion and protocol.

Slide 9 – this would be a good time to hand out [Early Abortion Options](https://www.reproductiveaccess.org/resource/early-abortion-options/).

Slide 15 – this would be a good time to hand out the [Protocol for Medication Abortion Using Misoprostol and Mifepristone](https://www.reproductiveaccess.org/resource/medication-abortion-protocol/).

**Case Study: Yolanda**

Slides 17-22 use the case study of one patient to explore non-judgmental counseling and medication abortion protocols.

Slide 21 – this would be a good time to hand out the [Medication Abortion Aftercare Instructions (vaginal miso)](https://www.reproductiveaccess.org/resource/medication-abortion-aftercare-instructions-vaginal-miso/) and [Medication Abortion Aftercare Instructions (buccal miso)](https://www.reproductiveaccess.org/resource/medication-abortion-aftercare-instructions-buccal/).

**Troubleshooting**

Slides 23-24 cover issues that may come up and need to be dealt with, including patient phone calls and Clostridium Sordellii.

Slide 23 – this would be a good time to hand out [Medication Abortion FAQs.](https://www.reproductiveaccess.org/resource/medication-abortion-faqs/)

**Alternative Medication Abortion Protocols**

Slides 25-26 explain using methotrexate + misoprostol and misoprostol only for a medication abortion.

**Additional Case Studies**

After slide 26, this would be a good time to utilize the information covered by working through the additional case studies with participants. Use the Facilitator’s and Learner’s Guides to participate in the case studies.

**Implementation & Closing**

On slide 27, there is space for participants to discuss any of the barriers they foresee coming up when trying to provide medication abortion in their practice. On slide 28, participants are asked to consider issues that may need to be addressed in order to implement medication abortion care in their site. This slide has many supplemental resources that participants can be directed to. This can be a space for group troubleshooting. Slide 29 wraps up the presentation.

Slide 28 – this would be a good time to hand out the [Toolkit for Integrating Medication Abortion into Primary Care](https://www.reproductiveaccess.org/resource/toolkit-medication-abortion/).