Abortion Pills Comparison

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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.*
How do I take the pills?	• You swallow the **mifepristone** at a time that works best for you. You may have some nausea after the first pill. • 6-72 hours later, you insert 4 **misoprostol** pills. *If your pregnancy is 9-11 weeks, you need to repeat the **misoprostol:** insert 4 pills 4 hours later.*	You place 4 **misoprostol** pills every 3 hours, 3 times in a row, for a total of 12 pills.
How do I insert misoprostol?	You put misoprostol pills inside your cheek, under your tongue, or in your vagina. You swallow or throw out what's left of the pills after 30 minutes.	
What will happen?	You may have loose stools, fever, or chills. You may or may not have some bleeding after taking mifepristone. Most of the cramping and bleeding starts a few hours after you insert the misoprostol. You will have heavy bleeding and cramps for a few hours.	You may have loose stools, fever, or chills. The cramping and bleeding starts after you insert the misoprostol. Heavy bleeding may start after the first, second, or third dose. You will have heavy bleeding and cramps for a few hours.
How do I know if it worked?	You had cramping and bleeding. You had a negative pregnancy test four weeks later. You no longer feel pregnant.	
What isn't normal?	Contact a clinician if: - You have no bleeding. (This may mean the pills didn't work.) - You threw up less than 30 minutes after taking mifepristone. - You have a fever of 100.4 or higher more than 24 hours after taking misoprostol. - You have severe belly pain that does not go away with pain pills. - You still feel like you are pregnant.	

*Beyond 12 weeks, consult a clinician or M+A Hotline (1-833-246-2632)

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When might I need more medication	A clinician may suggest an extra dose of misoprostol if: - You had no bleeding. - You have bleeding for more than a month.	
How painful is it?	This varies a lot from one person to another. You may have mild to very strong cramps off and on during the abortion. Pain pills like ibuprofen and naproxen help.	
How much will I bleed?	Expect heavy bleeding with clots for a few hours. After that, you may have lighter bleeding off and on for a few weeks.	
How much do the pills cost?	The cost varies. $400-600 is the average cost for an in-clinic abortion. $150+ is the average cost for a telehealth abortion. Misoprostol pills cost less than mifepristone.	
Are the pills safe?	The pills are safe. Big problems are rare. These pills may not be safe for you if you: - Are pregnant with an IUD - Are taking medicine to thin your blood - Are having signs of an ectopic pregnancy like sharp pain on one side of your lower belly	
Can the pills fail?	The pills work 98-99% of the time. If the pills fail, you may try the pills again or have an abortion procedure.	These pills work 80-95% of the time. If the pills fail, you may try the pills again or have an abortion procedure.
Can I still have children afterwards?	**Yes.** Abortion pills have no effect on future pregnancies. You can get pregnant again right away.	
Where can I get more details about how to get and use these pills?	How to Use Abortion Pills Fact Sheet How to Use Misoprostol-Only for a Medication Abortion Plan C Guide to Abortion Pills https://abortionpillinfo.org/ M+A Hotline	
Where can I get more help?	If/When/How: Repro Legal Helpline Digital Defense Fund	