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## CHEMICAL ABORTION

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The FDA reports that women have died taking chemical abortion pills, usually because of an ectopic pregnancy or when later in pregnancy, sometimes from 'severe systemic infection'.

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#### DEAR DECISION MAKER,

Chemical abortion pills are sold in America by repeating one particular falsehood again and again - that a few pills will be an easy, fast "treatment" for an unanticipated pregnancy. Roughly 40% of abortions are now committed with pills.

Far from simple and quick, chemical abortion is an agonizing experience that can go on for days and results in trauma for women, many of whom report the shock of seeing a perfectly formed baby after enduring excruciating pain, which adds a whole new level to the agony.

Many who are in a position to influence policy are removed from direct contact with the actual people who are being sold these pills with false promises of a quick fix. In this short publication, we want to provide you with access to those who truly know chemical abortion.

Chemical abortion pills are deadly and dangerous and should not be handed out without regulation and oversight. And given the extreme physical responses caused by forcing the death and expulsion of a preborn human being, women must be under someone's medical care to avoid even more deadly consequences.

It's no "barrier" to abortion access to take the time to ensure that women don't experience untold agony and death, though it may be an annoyance to the abortion industry that does want a quick sale and does want to abandon women to whatever happens next when they get home.



The following pages are actual accounts from women who have induced abortions using the RU-486 chemical abortion regimen. It is a small sampling of a larger population who have suffered in silence.

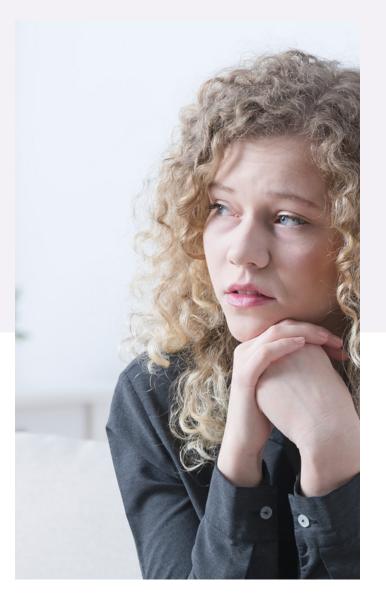
Before you buy the lie that chemical abortion pills are a minor event, please read this publication and then join us in our efforts to hold the abortion industry accountable for how these pills are handled.

Learn more at www.thisischemicalabortion.com

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## TRAUMA STORIES

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4:23 ₹ ■ BabyCenter Baby Loss Through Abortion Join now to personalize **BabyCenter for your pregnancy** Posted 02/06/2020 20 years old and Had pill abortion at 8 weeks. My "Bf" said he wasn't ready in any way to care for a baby and I already have a 2 year old, he thinks just his presence is good enough to keep me comfortable during this time but it's not.. I Burst Into tears after taking first pill in the office then went emotionally numb after and through the next day. I wish they told me these pills wouldn't end the baby's life. It came out in sack, with all the limbs and eyes.. heart still beating. If I knew that would be the outcome I would've never done it. Im so full of regret and sadness, yet still numb at times. Guess it hasn't hit me that much yet.

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Posted 02/01/2019

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D ... ( r/abortion My medication abortion at 9 weeks sharing my story: medication abortion I can't bear to read anyone else's story here because it hurts too much but I haven't been able to share what I went through with many people and it's been killing me. This happened in October 2018. I went to my first appt at Planned Parenthood to discuss my options at 8 weeks and went to my next to get the first pill a week later, then I was to take the second pill the next day, October 6th. I just laid down for a while until I felt the contractions start. I took the Norco they gave me but it did nothing to help my pain. I felt every single cramp and contraction and it felt like someone was stabbing me all over while simultaneously being crushed by giant boulders. My mom and boyfriend were there and there was nothing they could do to help. I cried the whole time, screaming in agony. The only thing that eased some of the pain and helped the contractions pass was to sit on the toilet. I think I sat there for hours just crying and cramping. Eventually, I felt the sac come out, I could just tell that that was it. The moment I felt it come out, it felt like my soul left my body. I felt so empty and blank and worthless. I hated myself for having to flush it, I just couldn't bring myself to reach in and get it. I got fired a week later for missing work because of it. I became so depressed and suicidal. I thought the only thing that would make me feel better would be to have another baby. I conceived December 2018 and had my daughter in August. Even though I chose to have an abortion, I feel that I was highly intimidated and convinced by family to do so. I didn't want an abortion until they drilled the idea in my head. I still resent them for it. Even though I chose to have an abortion, I still feel that i lost a child, I lost what would have been, that was my baby, I decided that that baby was real and it was a girl, we call her Angel. She would be over 1 year now. hate myself for getting an abortion, I would never do it again. But I will always support women's

choice to choose what's right for them

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#### POSSIBLE TW [TRIGGER WARNING] MEDICAL ABORTION

Has anyone who has had the medical abortion seen the fetus when it passed? I was 9 weeks and Yesterday I saw it in my pad when I went to change it and couldn't stop crying for awhile, I just don't know how to feel and I wasn't expecting to see It especially with so many details it just broke my heart:/



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#### 3 months later and feeling like dirt

3 months after my medical abortion, and suddenly I am severely depressed about it. I thought I was okay. Laughter and happiness in the air the very next day (after the worst pain of my life ended of course) as I could chase my dreams again! No worries at all. I'm carefree! And I still feel that vibe a bit. I remembering feeling so relieved about having another shot at life. I took the situation way too lightly one could say.

I left the relationship when it was time to go home after he took watch. I learned from the situation, but as they say "You don't gotta put your hand in a jar with venomous snakes in it to know you're gonna get hurt". I was just so in love with the idea of learning the hard way hahaha.

I didn't see any reason to grieve, so I was good till a few days ago. I would've been 5 months today. I know I made the best choice out of the choices I was given. There wasn't one single logical reason to keep my pregnancy. Logic is our best friend.

The depression roots from the would've been daddy popping back up in my life a few days ago. I was avoiding pregnant women and children like the plague. Literally anything that would remind me of my loss I'd hide from so I wouldn't feel this way.

I stopped doing that after my alternate universe baby daddy shows up, and now it's like; Baby ads, baby clothes, pregnancy announcements, people who are as far along as I would've been, past lover resurfacing in my life, baby bumps, baby books, photographs of old lover and that ultrasound picture, memories and feelings unwinding crazy bad like a cat playing with a very ugly and large puke green yarn ball.

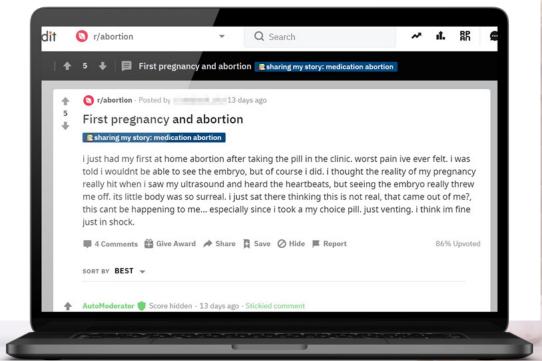
I feel so dirty about what happened, feels like I'm covered in mud n' a five day shower wouldn't wash away all this dirt. I want to die because of this, and I'm not gonna do anything rash, but the self hatred runs deep. Today I stared at my stomach in the mirror, rubbing my hand on my belly wishing they were there. I know there's no logic in feeling this way. I guess I just wanted someone to rant to.

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#### FIRST PREGNANCY AND ABORTION

I just had my first at home abortion after taking the pill in the clinic. Worst pain ive ever felt. I was told I wouldnt be able to see the embryo, but of course I did. I thought the reality of my pregnancy really hit when I saw my ultrasound and heard the heartbeats, but seeing the embryo really threw me off. Its little body was so surreal. I just sat there thinking this is not real, that came out of me? This can't be happening to me... especially since I took a my choice pill. Just venting. I think I'm fine just in shock.



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my circumstances in life but I also feel extremely resentful at myself thinking how could I have done this to my baby, guilty and shameful about it. I don't feel comfortable opening up about this to people I know. I cant even explain it to my boyfriend because I truly feel like he just doesn't get how painful it is unless he experiences it for himself. Idk it just gets too much sometimes I can't even

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#### My wife just had a medical abortion and she is broken

Hi all, throwaway for obvious reasons.

We just had a medical abortion at 40 days (embryonic age) and my wife is absolutely tormented.

The pregnancy was unexpected as we were taking contraceptive measures. After a positive pregnancy test, we were back and forth on whether to keep or not. Both options seemed terrible, but my wife struggled with post birth depression with all our kids and felt as though she couldn't go back to that place. Our marriage was just beginning to recover and her relationship with our children was on the

After a long and difficult decision she finally made the choice to take the pill. Immediately after the point of no return, she felt overwhelming and all consuming regret. She felt that she made the wrong decision and there was nothing she could do. We've followed through with the procedure and she is completely broken.

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What the hell do I / we do?

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#### I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT

sad about something in my life. I am so broken.

My procedure was delayed by a month due to being stuck in a different country to my health care provider and not being able to travel due to Covid-19. When I had access, I almost procrastinated taking the second set of pills. When I did, it happened so quickly. I had the most painful cramps I'd ever had, then I felt some clots pass. Then I felt something else pass and I just knew what it was. I didn't want it to be what I thought it was because I almost hoped the process would be longer, even if it meant it was more painful. I didn't realise until the pill was taken how hard it would be to actually part with it.

The nurse told me I'd likely not see anything but unfortunately I did, because it somehow slipped into my legging and I had to lift it out with my hand. It was perfectly formed, seperate from the clotting. With fingers, toes, eyes, even tiny ears. I have it on a roll of toilet paper and I can't bear to flush it but I'm in quarantine from the rest of my family and I can't really sneak out to the garden. I feel so sad for it. I'm sad I couldnt be strong enough to look after it. I had this strange and terrible dream exactly a week before I suspected I was pregnant. I had this little baby who kept shrinking. I took him with me to the grocery shop, and put him on a shelf while I put things in my basket. When I reached up to pick him up again, he'd shrunk until I

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> Because of my delay in treatment, I guess I developed an irreversible attachment to the embryo. I held it in my hand and I felt so many things. I could see how healthy it was, which I'd always instinctively known, and felt so proud of it and then I felt so incredibly sad. I was kind of amazed and horrified I made it. And it sounds so stupid but I feel so lonely without it. I just wish I'd had more time with it. I just can't bear to flush it away, the thought tears me apart. I don't know what to do. I kind of want it to be over, but at the same time, I don't want it to end. I just can't see myself moving past this.

> What did you do to ease the pain? Any rituals? Should I flush it? I know it's gross, I have already keot it much too long. Please, any words or advice would be so helpful.



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People who terminated their pregnancy out of necessity, despite really wanting to keep it - how did you process and recover?

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## PAIN/ BLEEDING

#### So much pain after medical. Need tips

Update: thanks everyone! I didn't get to replying but I tried some of the things and eventually fell asleep around 3 am.

I took the second round of pills in the cheeks around 4:30. It's now 10:30 and I'm still in soooo much pain. I am typing this between waves of pain to see if anyone has any tips. I have a hot pad and I was prescribed 800mg ibuprofen but I feel like it hasn't done anything. My pain is a solid 8.5 at times. I saw somewhere online it's supposed to peak around 2.5-4 hours after the pill but mine has been "peaked" for at least 3 hours now. I don't know what else to try. I don't have a bath, but I tried a shower. I started feeling lightheaded and decided to not do that anymore. Thanks. Also I just need to vent and hopefully someone can help with this pain.

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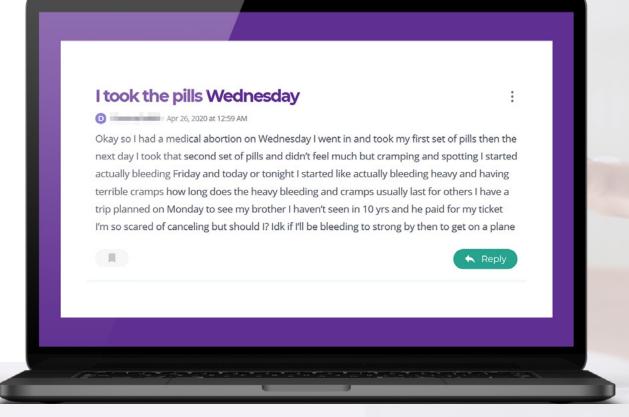
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#### I TOOK THE PILLS WEDNESDAY

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## DO I NEED TO SEE A DOCTOR? ABNORMAL BLEEDING 7 WEEKS AFTER

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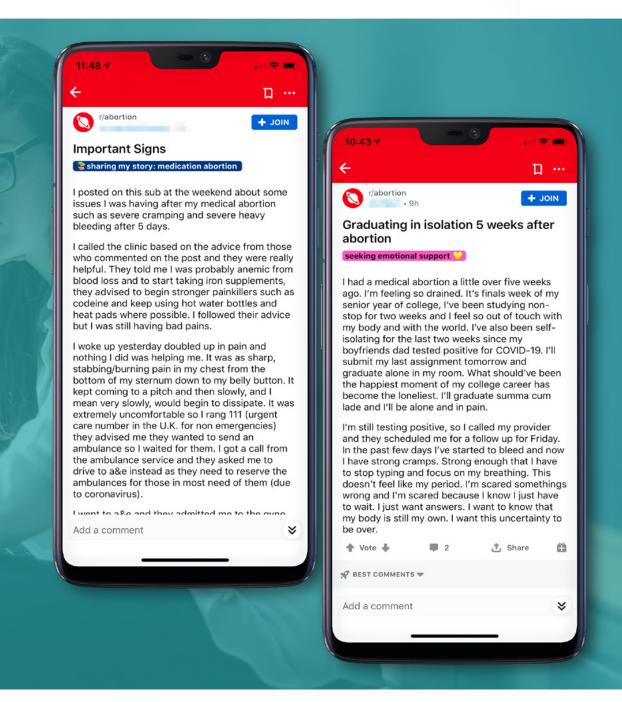
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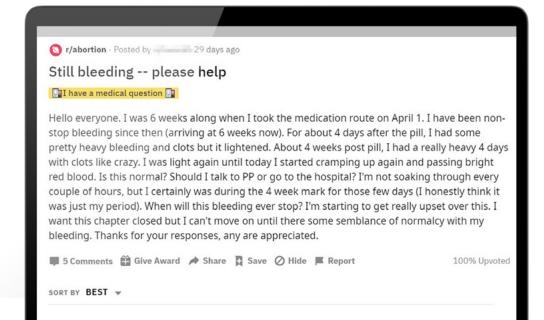
#### STILL BLEEDING - PLEASE HELP

Hello everyone. I was 6 weeks along when I took the medication route on April 1. I have been non-stop bleeding since then (arriving at 6 weeks now).

For about 4 days after the pill, I had some pretty heavy bleeding and clots but it lightened. About 4 weeks post pill, I had a really heavy 4 days with clots like crazy. I was light again until today I started cramping up again and passing bright red blood.

Is this normal? Should I talk to PP or go to the hospital? I'm not soaking through every couple of hours, but I certainly was during the 4 week mark for those few days (I honestly think it was just my period). When will this bleeding ever stop?

I'm starting to get really upset over this. I want this chapter closed but I can't move on until there some semblance of normalcy with my bleeding. Thanks for your responses, any are appreciated.



#### **6 MONTHS POST ABORTION - CHRON-**IC PAIN CONCERNS

I am reaching out to this community to see if anyone has experienced anything similar to what I am going through, and if they have gotten any answers from the medical community or through their own experience and efforts. I am appreciative that this subreddit exists and have hopes that I will find some solutions to my current, unexplained physical symptoms, for myself and others who might also have similar problems.

6 months ago, I found out I was 5/6 weeks pregnant. It was not the right time in my life, nor with a person I was interested in having a child with. I tend to be a pretty indecisive person, but this decision came to me quickly. I ended up going to Planned Parenthood and receiving the medication abortion pills. I told a couple of friends who helped me immensely, and have slowly told other people in my life.

While it was a quick decision, nothing was easy about it. I have pretty serious OCD and trauma response behavior that I suffer from and am working through in therapy; because of this, my processing mechanisms are definitely faulty and stressful events in my life tend to get catastrophized. The stress of things probably exacerbates the actual events tenfold. On top of the pregnancy/abortion, I had suffered a bad fall (I hit the back of my head hard on my shower wall) and mild concussion a month before my abortion (2019 was not a great year for me). These two physically traumatic incidents coupled with the stressful aftermath of both left me feeling frantic and hopeless. I am in a better spot mentally now, but physically am having residual, chronic symptoms.

Pre-finding out I was pregnant, I noticed dizziness/lightheadedness, as well as achiness all throughout my body. Once I found out, I chalked

all of that up to normal pregnancy symptoms. I then received and took the medication abortion pills, which went pretty normally - pretty heavy bleeding and some mild cramping for the first few days, and then just

afterwards.

The next 3-4 months to follow were pretty miserable. The dizziness did not go away, and I felt fatigue like I had never felt before. My body not only ached but I started to feel pain all over - my arms, hips, back, neck, jaw, cheeks, teeth(!!), bottom of my feet... everywhere. It felt like carpel tunnel but all over my body. I went to the doctor and they did quite a few blood workups, but found everything to be normal. I got an MRI of my cervical spine and brain to make sure this wasn't something post-concussive related, everything was normal. After I confirmed the pregnancy was aborted, I got an IUD in, but got it out a few weeks later in fear that this was causing the persistent symptoms I was experiencing. Nothing changed though so this turned out not to be the culprit.

It has been 6 months. The dizziness and the fatigue is almost completely gone, only coming back on occasion. And I thought I was in the clear with the

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pain I was experiencing. But it comes in waves, almost in flares. I will get intense back pain, my left elbow always randomly hurts, my left leg will spasm, as well as my abdomen, my right flank will ache, my shoulders kill, my jaw aches, I will wake up with awful foot pain... feels so random and varies every day. Some of it is sharp and stabbing, others are more steady bleeding for about 2-3 weeks consistent and achier. And everything everything, pops constantly. I will sit for two seconds and my back will pop, my shoulders constantly pop. I am 28 years old, just for reference. To me, it feels like my muscles are backfiring or

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Tylenol give me absolutely no relief, and don't really know where to turn at this point.

I am curious if anyone has experienced similar symptoms or knows where I could look for resources on this. To me, I feel like it might be some sort of hormone issue (with abortions and concussions, these things are so hormonally altering), or a deficiency, an autoimmune issue or a spinal issue??... or something. There only seems to be information on symptoms to expect directly after an abortion but not in the months afterwards, so I have no clue if this is "normal" (certainly does not feel that way). My body feels completely off, still. I try not to get too discouraged about it, but I'm sure you can relate if you have ever experienced anything that doctors write off the second that they see that your blood work is normal or if you have any mental health disorder. It is frustrating and leaves me feeling a little hopeless about the state and future of my physical body.

I am a fighter and a deep thinker, and want to get to the bottom of this before I accept this as my new reality. If anyone has experienced something like this and wants to share any advice, their story, or answers/relief they have received, I would be so grateful. Thank you so much.

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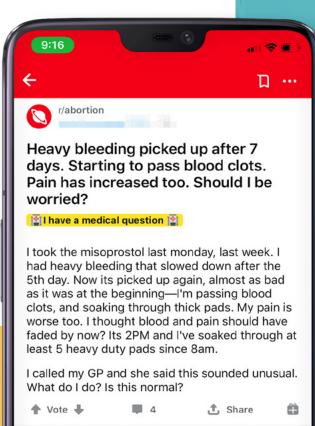
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I called my GP and she said this sounded unusual. What do I do? Is this normal?



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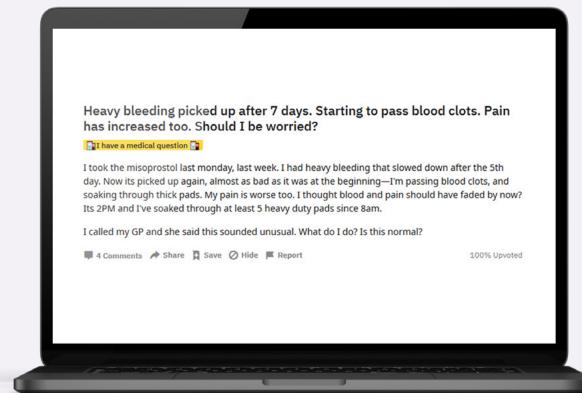
## ABORTION A MONTH AGO EXPERIENCING SEVERE BLEEDING AND CLOTS

Had a medical (pill) abortion done and experienced bleeding. Two days ago I started severe bleeding and passing huge clots, it's now day three. I bled through tampons and pads in ten minutes. My clothes and sofa are stained. I went to the hospital and they ran blood tests. My blood work came back normal and I shouldn't be worried, they also did ultrasound and a transvaginal ultrasound. But this seems insane to me? The size clots coming out of me are golf ball size. I'm bleeding through my super pads. I feel fine, but I'm just confused. Did anyone have a similar experience?

## IS THIS NORMAL? BLEEDING AND PASSING CLOTS TWO WEEKS AFTER MEDICAL ABORTION.

I had an at home medical abortion two weeks ago, using Mifepristone and Misoprostol through a Telabortion study. I had my HGC levels checked last week and they had dropped significantly enough the doctor was confident that I had passed the pregnancy. I've still had heavy bleeding and cramping while also passing cherry sized clots on a daily basis. My doctor said this could be normal and did not seem too concerned, but I am concerned now that I'm at the two week mark. Should I seek out a second opinion?

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After it progressively getting more intense to more I tried to fix it or move I called the hotline, they told me I more than likely severely over did activity yesterday and taking of the abominable binder that was supporting those muscles was no longer on and to wear it now until the pain subsides. I got into a tiny ball and now I haven't moved since then—it only stops hurting when I lay down and stay still... Tylenol and ibuprofen are not even cutting it... the only thing helping is the heating pad and pillow I have pressed into my tummy, when the cramps start it hurts so much worse I weep.... what do I do?

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## Please help—severe cramping 3 days after medical abortion and I accidentally tossed the emergency contact number

Basically, see title. I took the misoprotol at about 6pm on Sunday, followed by pain, nausea, bleeding, and passing a few clots (one quite large—I thought this was the pregnancy—a bit larger than a golf ball). I was about 6 weeks pregnant. I felt fine both Monday and Tuesday and have been bleeding like a regular period, but starting this evening I started getting some very painful cramps that are not being relieved by ibuprofen or a heating pad. I passed a few more clots earlier, about the size of grapes, and am bleeding more than I was Monday/Tuesday, but not more than Sunday. I checked, and I don't have a fever.

I'm pissed because I accidentally threw out the paperwork when I was cleaning yesterday, so now I don't have the emergency number to call. Is this normal? What can I do?

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#### Failed medical abortion rushed to hospital

seeking emotional support 💛

Perhaps it's a sad realisation I don't have anyone I feel I can be totally honest with, maybe I am too prideful.

I have been home for 3 days since I was rushed to hospital after my medical abortion on 24/05 at 8 weeks failed.

I think it was my fault the abortion failed because i wasn't resting and I was so stressed out because of work and my relationship. I left my partner and family home 2 days after I inserted the 4 pills because I had been in a miserable, abusive relationship and this may have been the cause for the stress I'm not sure. It was honestly a terrifying experience and I have never seen so much blood before. I feel as though I have been punished for what I have done. I was already struggling with the abortion and the situation but having to be rushed into surgery to have suction to remove 49 mls of the contents of my womb has really thrown me. Because of how much blood I had lost I needed to have a blood transfusion which I didn't really know much about and I think this making me feel soo tired and lethargic. To be honest I am not coping well after and I don't really know what to write I usually just read these boards. I feel so weak I'm not sure if I am depressed I can't function properly and I have not stopped crying.

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I need to try and relax because I don't want to stress my body any further.

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As this is a sex positive community, I thought it would be good to share this experience for the purpose of education, and also to promote an open dialogue regarding safe sex more generally. I find lately that the fun and playful conversations our society is starting to welcome about sex and pleasure greatly outnumber open

conversations regarding safe sex. The topic is there, but it should grow.

throughout my twenties, I tracked my ovulation closely and this was an effective enough method, thanks in part to my extremely regular cycle. I used condoms with new partners but not with recurring ones, and this worked well for years. I met my current partner this year, now in my late twenties, and we slept together the

first night we met, and a condom was only used for a portion of our session. Stupid, I know, and maybe one day cosmic forces cosmic forces will forgive me for permitting this.

"All it takes is one time, and it only took one time" - Drake. I was in disbelief when I felt the changes in my body (within a week, unusually deep sleep, within two, nausea) and I strongly considered not telling my partner. I felt guilty and felt I deserved to shoulder the shame alone. I imagine this is not an

uncommon feeling among women. ultimately I did, and I'm glad I did. He was enormously reassuring and did all he could to take care of me.

I completed the chemical procedure in December. The first pill stops the embryo from further growth, and the second expels the contents of the uterus. The pain upon taking the second pill was unimaginable. I locked myself in my partner's closet for over an hour, writhed, suffered, sweated. It approached a psychedelic experience in its intensity. I don't mean to scare

anyone, and it doesn't seem to be so bad for all women. But it certainly surpassed the "you'll have strong period cramps" warning I received from the clinic.

I bled, I cried, I handled a huge amount of remorse stemming from the hormonal displacement as well as the incongruency of my actions with my spiritual beliefs. My wish for anyone would be to prevent pregnancy rather than opt to terminate it. It's a hugely taxing experience.

Slowly, I started to recover. Our communication strengthened, but our sex life took a toll. I felt, naturally, hesitant to open up. The nausea did not subside. I started to feel concerned. My partner jokingly pointed out my belly appeared larger, noticeable on my small frame.

So I stepped in today and the clinic completed a urinalysis and then an ultrasound. They were, as in the first visits, efficient and kind in their care, and it's doubly troubling to think that this quality of care is not available to anyone.

So yeah. We're going in tomorrow and a surgical procedure will be completed. I'm heartbroken, the guilt has reared again but greater, and I feel even more sadness to process than before. I wish I could speak openly about this among my group of friends; I know I must not be the only one, and the toll of processing it alone is high, but I'm not there yet.

Peace, love, and keep your reproductive cells under airtight control.

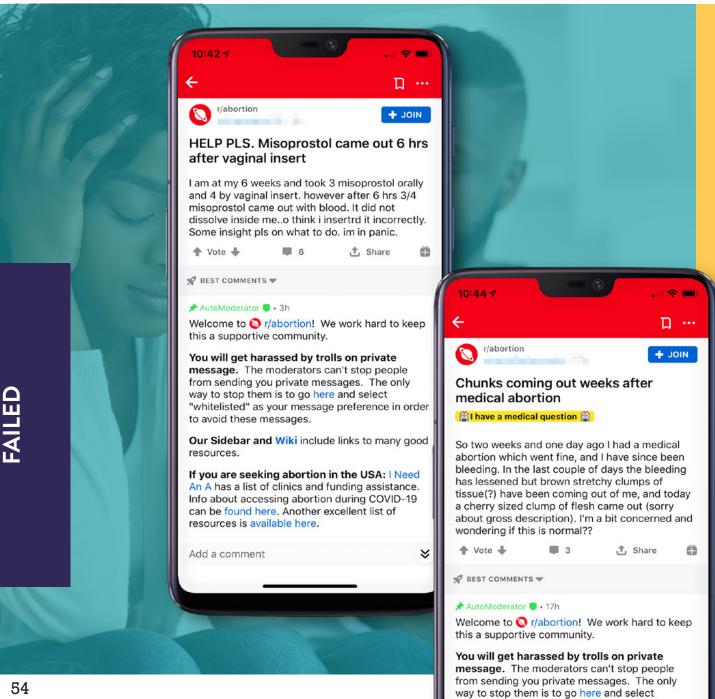
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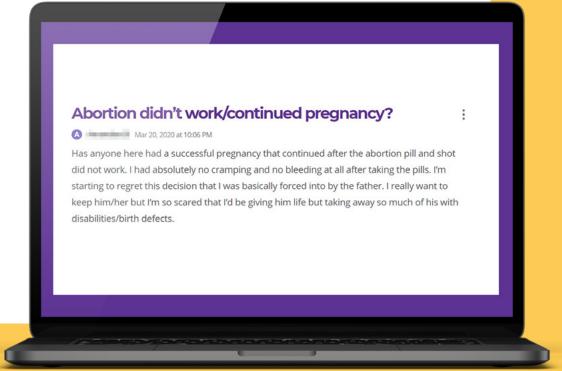


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#### **ABORTION DIDN'T WORK/ CONTINUED PREGNANCY?**

Has anyone here had a successful pregnancy that continued after the abortion pill and shot did not work. I had absolutely no cramping and no bleeding at all after taking the pills. I'm starting to regret this decision that I was basically forced into by the father. I really want to keep him/her but I'm so scared that I'd be giving him life but taking away so much of his with disabilities/birth defects.



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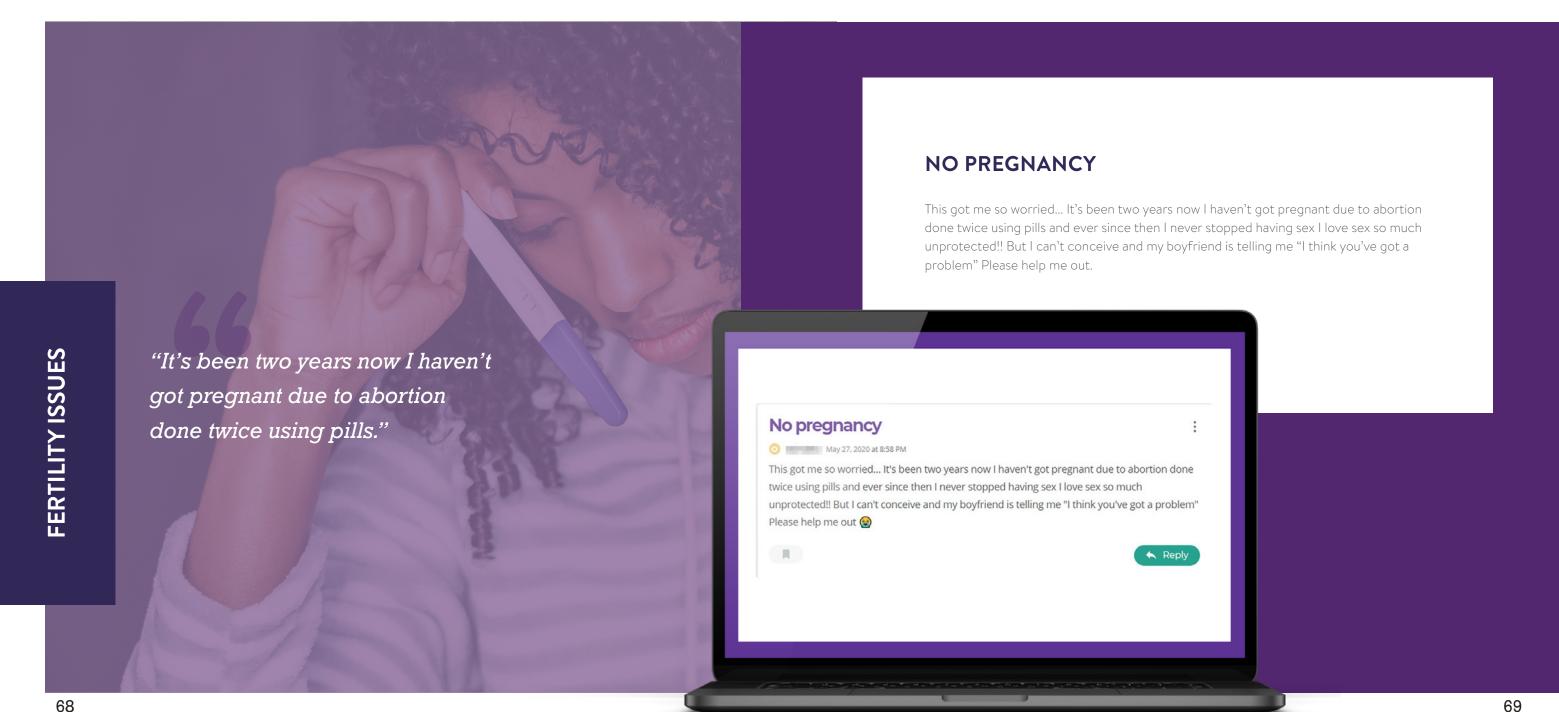
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## What happens during a chemical abortion?

When a woman first begins a chemical abortion, she is first given mifepristone - a drug designed to prevent the delivery of essential nutrients to the developing baby, essentially starving the baby to death.

Next, the woman is given a second drug, misoprostol, to terminate the pregnancy. Within 6-48 hours, this drug usually causes contractions and expels the remains of the baby. But about 5 percent of the time, the drug combination doesn't work and a surgery is required to end the pregnancy.

## What are the risks to women?

For the 5 percent of women whose babies are not killed and expelled by the drugs, a surgical abortion is required to save the woman's life as infection can set in if the dead infant or other tissue remains in her womb to fester. In the first trimester, when chemical abortions are supposed to take place, the pills cause 4x more complications<sup>(1)</sup> than surgical abortion.

According to the FDA<sup>(2)</sup>, "Cramping and vaginal bleeding are expected effects of the treatment regimen. In some cases, very heavy vaginal bleeding will need to be stopped by a surgical procedure ... Other common side effects of the treatment

regimen include nausea, weakness, fever/chills, vomiting, headache, diarrhea, and dizziness in the first day or two after taking the two medicines."

Other consequences<sup>(3)</sup> include hospitalization and blood transfusions to address excessive bleeding. And physicians report<sup>(4)</sup> that hysterectomies following complications from chemical abortion have occurred.

Already, the FDA reports<sup>(2)</sup> that women have died after taking chemical abortion pills, usually because of an ectopic pregnancy or when later in pregnancy, sometimes from "severe systemic infection (also called sepsis)."

The FDA<sup>(2)</sup> notes that chemical abortion pills should never be given to a woman if she:

- cannot go to a follow-up visit to check on possible complications.
- has problems with the adrenal glands (the glands near the kidneys).
- is currently being treated with long-term corticosteroid therapy.
- has had an allergic reaction to mifepristone, misoprostol, or similar drugs.

- has bleeding problems or is taking anticoagulant (blood thinning) drug products.
- has inherited porphyria (a rare hereditary disease in which the blood pigment hemoglobin is abnormally metabolized).
- has an intrauterine device (IUD) in place (it must be removed before taking mifepristone).

#### Long-term risks to women affect their mental and physical health.

More than 100 studies show linkage between abortion and an increased risk of mental health issues. A report from Americans United for Life<sup>(5)</sup> notes that "one study found that women whose first pregnancies ended in abortion were 65 percent more likely to score in the 'high risk' range for clinical depression." Studies also showed that "10 percent<sup>(5)</sup> of mental

health problems suffered by women are directly attributable to abortion." And risks to women include problems in future pregnancies, including preterm births, the "leading cause<sup>(5)</sup> of infant death both globally and in the United States."

Despite all these risks of the drugs in a somewhat supervised setting, the abortion industry wants to hand out these chemical abortion pills without any examination or supervision, which has been shown to have potentially terrible consequences.

Consider a recent report noting a "peer-reviewed study from 2015<sup>(6)</sup> on the safety, efficacy, and acceptability of self-administered abortion pills through 70 days showed that almost 30% of the 40 women taking chemical abortion did so after the FDA-approved time frame of 63 days. Very sadly, 62% of these women had incomplete abortions. Surgical evacuation was required for 68%

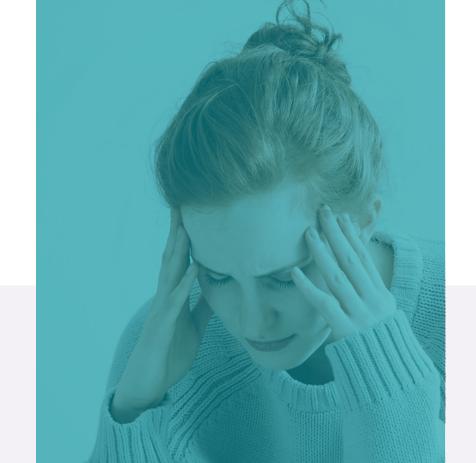
of these patients, and 23% of these women had a failed abortion. For 12.5% of them, they received surgical evacuation with blood transfusion. The authors concluded that 'unsupervised medical abortion can lead to increased maternal morbidity and mortality."

#### If I have already taken an abortion pill, can I stop it? How do I get help?

If you would like to save your pregnancy, you still have time, but you must act quickly! We want to help you learn more information on how you may be able to still save your pregnancy. Please call the 24/7 abortion pill reversal hotline at (877) 558-0333 or visit www. abortionpillreversal.com to speak to a live representative who can help you right now.

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