

HOW TO USE ABORTION PILLS

The Medications

A medication abortion requires 2 different medications. The first is **Mifepristone** and the second is **Misoprostol**.

When to Start Birth Control

- You can get the implant as soon as the same day as the medication abortion.
- You can start the pill, shot, ring, or patch a day or two after taking Misoprostol.
- You can get an IUD when the bleeding has slowed down enough.

Timeline for Taking the Medications

Time Since Last Period	8 Weeks or Less	9-11 Weeks
Day 1	Take Mifepristone	Take Mifepristone
Day 2 (24-48 hours after taking Mifepristone)	Take anti-nausea & pain medication as directed Take 4 tablets of Misoprostol	Take anti-nausea & pain medication as directed Take 4 tablets of Misoprostol Wait 4 hours, then take 4 more tablets of Misoprostol

Notes

Pain Medication

Take pain medication, like Ibuprofen and anti-nausea medications as advised by your doctor. Pain medications can be taken before taking Misoprostol. You can continue to take pain medication as needed. Follow the directions on the package.

Misoprostol

Place 4 Misoprostol tablets between your cheek and gums. Put 2 pills on each side of your mouth. Do this 24- 48 hours after taking Mifepristone. If your period was 8 weeks ago or less, only use 4 tablets of Misoprostol. If your period was more than 8 weeks ago, take a second dose of Misoprostol 4 hours after taking the first dose.

Bleeding

Cramps and heavy bleeding should start within 24 hours after taking Misoprostol. You may see blood clots. You may also have a fever, chills, or diarrhea. If you do not have any cramps or bleeding, contact Student Health and Counseling Services at 707-654-1170.