

The Abortion Pill Aftermath

The experiences of women in their own words.

What is it like to have a chemical or medication abortion?

If you listen to its promoters, you'll get the idea that it is absolutely safe, nearly always effective, and relatively clean and simple. Talk to women who've taken the pills and you'll hear a different story.

For some, it is over in a day or so and they do not seem to have any lasting damage, but even then, few would describe their experiences as pleasant or painless. Obviously, others fare much worse.



I woke up in excruciating pain; it was like cramps, but the worst feeling I had ever had. I laid there for a moment, so thrown off by the pain that I forgot what was even going on. When I remembered what I had done, I ran to the bathroom and stayed there for the next three hours while I miscarried. I sat there, crying and in pain, passing my baby, trying not to make too much noise because I didn't want my aunt to get suspicious. Once it was all over I wanted to die. Blood and tissue were everywhere. I looked in the toilet and all I could think is 'those are pieces of my baby.'

— Ynette



I was told the 'light procedure' would be like a period but the pain I went through felt like I was being stabbed repeatedly. With the amount of blood that left my body that evening I could have died and should have been admitted to the hospital.

— Sarah

Real Risk

According to the most recent report from the FDA, there have been at least 36 deaths in the US. At last 13 other additional deaths have occurred in countries authorizing a similar protocol.

Psychological Trauma



I was weeping and screaming, but nothing could turn back time. I felt like a part of me died. I felt angry. I felt guilty. I felt like my world was coming to an end ... It was the most beautiful thing I ever created, and I destroyed it.

— Solome



... my boyfriend strongly pressured me to have an abortion ... He suggested ... the abortion pill ... a website ... made it sound very easy and 'just like taking a Tylenol.' It was the most horrific experience I've ever been through ... no information given about what I would experience ... and that I ... would ... expel the baby. I bled excessively and for weeks had nightmares.

— Strongly Pressured

Coercion

Underreported Visits to the ER

A recent report looking at more than 895,000 insurance records was criticized for noting that 4.7 percent of mifepristone patients visited the emergency room related to their abortions. A 2023 study of nearly 40,000 patients in Canada using a pharmacy delivery system similar to the one recently approved in the U.S. found nearly 10.3 percent visiting the emergency department

with some complaint. While dismissing most women's complaints and complications as "minor," a team of researchers from California found 5.19 percent — more than 1 in 20 — of mifepristone patients visiting the ER for hemorrhages, infections, surgery or simply dealing with the consequences of failed or incomplete abortions.

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