

Mifepristone & Misoprostol for Abortion

Up to 10 weeks (70 days since LMP):

- Mifepristone 200mg orally
- Misoprostol 800mcg buccally, sublingually or vaginally 1–2 days after mifepristone
- Women with pregnancies up to 10 weeks may safely self-administer mifepristone and misoprostol outside of a health facility
- Effectiveness 97%

10-13 weeks:

- Mifepristone 200mg orally
- Misoprostol 800mcg vaginally 1–2 days after mifepristone, then 400mcg sublingually or vaginally every 3 hours until expulsion
- Effectiveness 96%

At or after 13 weeks:

- Mifepristone 200mg orally
- Misoprostol 400mcg buccally, sublingually or vaginally 1–2 days after mifepristone, then every 3 hours until fetal and placental expulsion
- Effectiveness 95% at 48 hours

Misoprostol Only for Abortion

Before 13 weeks:

- Misoprostol 800mcg sublingually or vaginally every 3 hours until expulsion
- Effectiveness 85%

At or after 13 weeks:

- Misoprostol 400mcg sublingually or vaginally every 3 hours until fetal and placental expulsion
- Effectiveness 64% at 24 hours

Misoprostol for Incomplete or Missed Abortion (Postabortion Care)*

Less than 13 weeks uterine size:

- Incomplete abortion
 - Misoprostol 600mcg orally or 400mcg sublingually or vaginally (in the absence of vaginal bleeding) in a single dose
 - Effectiveness 80–99%
- Missed abortion
 - Misoprostol 800mcg vaginally in a single dose or 600mcg sublingually every 3 hours until expulsion, for a maximum of 3 doses
 - Effectiveness 88–92%

13 weeks or larger uterine size:

- Misoprostol in a dose of at least 200mcg buccally, sublingually or vaginally every 6 hours until expulsion
- Misoprostol-only or mifepristone-misoprostol regimen for induced abortion at or after 13 weeks can also be used
- Effectiveness 78–100% at 48 hours

* *Incomplete abortion is defined as a spontaneous or induced abortion where some pregnancy tissue passes out of the uterus but some remains. Missed abortion is a type of spontaneous abortion where the pregnancy stops developing normally but remains in the uterus, and the woman has no symptoms.*