Early Medical Abortion
(up to 10 weeks of pregnancy)

Risks and Complications

Immediate Complications

(Estimates given below are based on extensive world literature)

1 in 1000 of women will require a blood transfusion due to excessive blood loss.

10 in 1000 (1%) will require emergency surgical evacuation in the 6 hours following misoprostol due to bleeding.

10-20 in 1000 (1-2%) will receive an injection to contract the womb at the time of abortion.

50% do not require any pain relief

Side effects of drugs

Nausea	- 40%
Vomiting	- 20%
Diarrhoea	- 15%
Headaches	- 15%
Flushes/sweats	- 25%
Duration of bleeding	14 days

(Range – 1 – 69 days)

compassionate care

Delayed complication

Early Weeks

- Retained products of conception - 2-3/100
- Uterine/pelvic infection – 3 in 1000
- Short term emotional distress
- Continuing pregnancy
  - gestation up to 49 days – 2 in 1000
  - gestation 50 – 63 days 6 in 1000

Long Term

a) Future reproductive outcome

There is no proven association between abortion and ectopic pregnancy or infertility. However it may be associated with a small increase in the risk of subsequent miscarriage or preterm delivery.

b) Psychological sequalae

These are rare. Some studies suggest a small increased risk of suicide, attempted suicide or self harm after abortion. These may reflect continuation of pre-existing condition.

Breast Cancer Risk

There is no association between induced abortion and breast cancer.

If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact :

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