

Medical abortion

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Overview

Medical abortion is a procedure that uses medicine to end a pregnancy. A medical abortion doesn't require surgery or anesthesia. It can be started in a medical office or at home with follow-up visits to your health care provider. It's safest and most effective during the first trimester of pregnancy.

Having a medical abortion is a major decision with emotional and psychological consequences. If you're considering this procedure, make sure you understand what it entails, side effects, possible risks, complications and alternatives.

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