



RU-486

Quick Facts

RU-486 kills an unborn baby whose heart has already begun to beat.

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RU-486 is a medical abortion procedure. The method uses two different drugs. One taken at your first doctor's visit and the second typically within 24-48 hours of the first and may require up to three visits to the doctor's office. Taken in pill form, it can induce an abortion in women who are up to 10 weeks pregnant. RU-486's first drug contains a synthetic steroid called mifepristone. This steroid blocks the action of progesterone in the womb, a hormone crucial to the early progress of pregnancy. The lack of progesterone cuts off the blood supply and nutrients to the developing baby.

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The second drug, Misoprostol (Cytotec) is usually taken orally or inserted vaginally at your doctor's office within 24-48 hours after the mifepristone is ingested. As the medications begin to work together the woman will begin to experience severe painful uterine cramping, contractions and often heavy bleeding as the uterus works to expel the now dead baby. The process can be extremely intense and painful. The bleeding and contractions can last anywhere from a few hours to several days.

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At this stage in life the preborn baby has a tiny formed body with arms, legs, fingers and toes that are undoubtedly recognizable. After the baby is expelled, the woman may experience prolonged bleeding. On average bleeding lasts 9-16 days. 8% of women experience bleeding for up to 30 days. Risks and adverse effects include: headache, nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting, and diarrhea. If an RU-486 abortion fails, the women will be offered a surgical abortion upon her follow up doctor's visit.

Fortunately, RU-486 can be reversed. If you have taken RU-486 within the past 24-72 hours and now regret it, it may not be too late. Please call the 24-hour abortion pill reversal hotline immediately at 877-558-0333 to speak to a nurse.



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