

# Patient Information

## Surgical Abortion (First Trimester)

Surgical abortion, also known as suction aspiration abortion, can be performed in a one-day procedure in the first trimester of pregnancy (up to 14 weeks after last menstrual period). The procedure is done in the doctor's office with local anesthesia and oral pain-relieving medications.

## Medical Abortion

Medical abortion, also known as non-surgical abortion, is one way to terminate an early pregnancy using medications. Medical abortion is provided by trained health care providers in private office settings, family planning clinics and hospitals.

## Surgical Abortion (Second Trimester)

During the second trimester, 14 to 23 weeks after your last menstrual period, abortions are typically performed over a two to three day period but don't require an overnight stay in the hospital.

## Medical Versus Surgical Abortion

Reasons to choose a suction curettage (surgical) abortion compared to reasons to choose a medical abortion.

## FAQ: Post-Abortion Care and Recovery

Frequently asked questions about post-abortion care and recovery.