

## Why learn about this new treatment?

A new treatment is making itself known amongst pregnancy crisis clinics.

Inside is need to know information about this treatment.

The community has a responsibility to know all the facts about this treatment before making a decision that could affect the rest of their lives.

(McDonald & Shenkman, 2018, p. 1)

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# Abortion Reversal Treatment

Health Education for the community to be fully informed





## Chemical/Medical Abortion – What is it?

A chemical/medical abortion involves two medications:

1. Mifepristone – interferes with the necessary nutrients and blood to pass from mother to baby
2. Misoprostol – taken 24-72 hours after mifepristone; causes uterus to contract & expel the baby from the uterus (Li et al., 2017, p. 732)

### Success Rate of a chemical abortion

1. Mifepristone alone has an incomplete abortion rate of 8-46% (Grossman et al., 2015, p. 208-209)
2. Misoprostol included has a complete abortion rate of 97% (Li et al., 2017, p. 736)

## Can a Chemical/Medical Abortion be Reversed?

### Research on a Reversal Treatment to a Chemical Abortion

- One research study has been conducted on this reversal treatment
- Theoretically, a high dose of progesterone taken after mifepristone but before misoprostol can reverse the effects of the baby separating from the mother in the uterus

### Recommended Administration Methods for Progesterone

1. A 200 mg shot in the muscle
2. A 200 mg capsule or pill

According to the study, this treatment should continue throughout entire first trimester. (Delgado et al., 2018, p. 29)

### Effectiveness of Reversal

There was a 47% chance the abortion could be reversed and the baby live out of the 547 women who completely participated in the study. (Delgado et al., 2018, p. 25)

In a subset of 31 women who took a high dose oral progesterone, there was a 68% reversal rate.

(Delgado et al., 2018, p. 27)

In a subset of 125 women who did progesterone shots in the muscle, there was 64% reversal rate.

(Delgado et al., 2018, p. 27)

### Side Effects of Reversal

No known long-term side effects of reversal treatment. However, research was done to determine birth defect and preterm delivery rates.

Babies born with birth defects

- With treatment was 2.7%
- National average is 3%

Babies born early

- With treatment was 2.7%
- National average is 10%

**Recommend more research be completed on this treatment.**

(Delgado et al., 2018, p. 26)