

Mifeprex (mifepristone) basics

Terminates early pregnancy. Mifeprex (mifepristone) is a single pill for medical termination of pregnancy, but it can only be used for pregnancies that are less than 10 weeks along.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Mifeprex (mifepristone) Drug effectiveness	[Blue bar from 0 to 24 hours]				
Possible side effects	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Nausea 63% chance	[Red bar from 0 to 24 hours]				
Weakness 56% chance		[Red bar from 0 to 24 hours]			
Fever/chills 48% chance	[Red bar from 0 to 24 hours]				
Vomiting 43% chance	[Red bar from 0 to 24 hours]				
Diarrhea 31% chance	[Red bar from 0 to 24 hours]				
Dizziness 40% chance	[Red bar from 0 to 24 hours]				

Tips from pharmacists

- Mifeprex (mifepristone) is taken as a single dose.
- When you use Mifeprex (mifepristone), you also need to take another medication called misoprostol 24 to 48 hours after you take Mifeprex (mifepristone). Misoprostol will cause the pregnancy to be passed from your uterus.
- Most women will experience heavy bleeding within 2 to 24 hours after taking misoprostol. Be sure that you take Mifeprex (mifepristone) and misoprostol in a comfortable place so you are prepared. If you have prolonged heavy bleeding, severe abdominal pain, or a fever that won't go away, call your doctor. If your doctor is not available, go to the emergency room.
- You can get pregnant again right after your pregnancy ends. If you don't want to get pregnant again, talk to your doctor about using birth control.
- Don't take Mifeprex (mifepristone) with grapefruit juice as it might affect how well Mifeprex (mifepristone) works.

Risks and warnings

The FDA has identified these as possible serious or life-threatening risks with this medication. Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Bacterial infection

Mifeprex (mifepristone) can cause serious bacterial infections. Symptoms may also not be as obvious. If you have a fever that last longer than 4 hours, severe stomach pain, tenderness in your pelvis, rapid heartbeat, or if you have nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or weakness more than 24 hours after taking Mifeprex (mifepristone), seek emergency care.

Bleeding

Heavy vaginal bleeding (soaking through 2 sanitary pads per hour for 2 hours) may be a sign of incomplete abortion or other complications, and you should seek prompt medical care.

IUD interference

Patients with an intrauterine device (IUD) in place shouldn't use Mifeprex (mifepristone) because the IUD might interfere with pregnancy termination.