

PROTOCOLS FOR MEDICAL ABORTION

Mifepristone & misoprostol for abortion up to 9 weeks

Mifepristone 200 mg orally followed by **either**:

- Misoprostol 800 mcg buccally (1–2 days after mifepristone) **OR**
- Misoprostol 800 mcg sublingually (1–2 days after mifepristone)

Other Options

- Misoprostol 400 mcg sublingually* (1 day after mifepristone)
- Misoprostol 800 mcg vaginally (6–24 hours after mifepristone)

*This was tested in a randomized controlled trial which included only 30 women in the gestational range 50–63 days

Mifepristone & misoprostol for abortion 9–13 weeks*

Mifepristone 200 mg orally followed 36–48 hours later by:

- Misoprostol 600 mcg sublingually followed by two additional doses of:
- Misoprostol 400 mcg sublingually every 3 hours

OR

Mifepristone 200 mg orally followed 1–2 days later by:

- Misoprostol 800 mcg vaginally followed by two additional doses of **either**:
- Misoprostol 400 mcg orally every 3 hours **OR**
- Misoprostol 400 mcg vaginally every 3 hours

*After the initial dose, additional doses are given as needed until abortion is complete (maximum three doses in regimen)

Misoprostol only for abortion up to 9 weeks

Misoprostol 800 mcg sublingually

- Followed by two additional doses of misoprostol 800 mcg sublingually every 3–4 hours

OR

Misoprostol 800 mcg vaginally

- Followed by two additional doses of misoprostol 800 mcg vaginally every 6–24 hours

Misoprostol only for abortion 9–13 weeks*

Misoprostol 800 mcg vaginally

- Followed by two additional doses of misoprostol 800 mcg vaginally every 6–24 hours*

*After the initial dose, additional doses are given as needed until abortion is complete (maximum three doses in regimen)

Misoprostol for incomplete abortion

Single dose: misoprostol 600 mcg orally

OR

Single dose: misoprostol 400 mcg sublingually

Misoprostol for missed abortion

Single dose: misoprostol 800 mcg vaginally

OR

Misoprostol 600 mcg sublingually

- May be followed by two additional doses of misoprostol 600 mcg sublingually every 3 hours

For more information, please visit www.ipas.org/medicalabortion