Medication Abortion Pre-Procedure Instructions and Information

Preparing for your appointment

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- Please note: If you are **under 18 years of age** you will need to come into our office for the information session and a **parent of legal guardian must attend this session with you**. If this is not possible, **judicial bypass** is available.
- On the day of your procedure:
  - **Bring your photo ID** – photo identification with your picture and date of birth is required.
  - Wear comfortable clothing and underwear that can support a pad.
  - Prepare to be in the center 3 to 5 hours.
  - Give yourself time to find parking and to check in.
  - You may bring one support person with you, however **only support people for minors or limited English proficiency patients may remain in the waiting room**, all other support people will be asked to wait elsewhere/offsite.
  - Make arrangements for childcare if necessary; children and infants are not allowed in the facility.

Medication Abortion Procedure (Abortion Pill)

- You can expect to be in the center 3 to 5 hours. You will have an ultrasound, lab work, an education session and birth control consultation before seeing the doctor.
- You will take one pill that day in front of the doctor, which stops the pregnancy from growing. You will be given four pills to take home, which you’ll take within the next 24 to 48 hours. This causes you to pass the pregnancy. It takes about 4 to 24 hours to finish passing the pregnancy. While you’re passing it, it’s like having a heavy period with cramping. You may have lu-like symptoms like chills, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- You will schedule a follow-up appointment (no additional cost) for 10 – 14 days out to confirm your abortion is complete.
- There are NO eating restrictions prior to your appointment and we suggest that you have a light meal before you come to the center.

Please read second page for information about payment and pre-procedure requirements.
Payment Information

- **The cost of your procedure is $475.00.** Payment is due in full on the day of the appointment in cash, credit card, or a money order. No checks. If you are using someone else’s credit card, that person must be present at your appointment with ID matching the name on the card. Payment is due on arrival.
  - Cost quoted is based on information you have provided and subject to change at time of appointment based on procedure type and gestational age of pregnancy confirmed by ultrasound.

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- If you would like to hear about **financial assistance,** call us at 215-351-5550.
- Some insurance is accepted as payment, but must be verified prior to your appointment. Please call us two days before your scheduled appointment to confirm coverage and expected payment.
- Pennsylvania Medicaid will cover the cost of an abortion in the case of rape, incest or threat to life. If you would like to see if Medicaid will cover your procedure, please call us right away.

Completing your phone call

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**THE DOCTOR WILL NOT CALL YOU; YOU CALL THE DOCTOR.**

- This appointment is for a phone call, you will **not come into our office.**
- You will call (877) 465-1211 at the time of your appointment. You must stay on the call for the duration of the call. It is your responsibility to obtain this information **24 hours prior to your abortion,** if you don’t we will not be able to provide your scheduled abortion.
- Please call at 215-351-5550 if you are having problems meeting this requirement.

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  - This conversation can happen no less than 24 hours before the abortion, but may be scheduled more than 24 hours ahead of time, depending on the doctor’s and patient’s availability.
  - The doctor will not perform a procedure on a patient who has not completed this requirement.


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  - You may bring one support person with you. This is required if you are receiving IV sedation. Only support people for minors or limited English proficiency patients may remain in the waiting room, all other support people will be asked to wait elsewhere/offsite.
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In-Clinic Abortion Procedure (local anesthesia only)

- You can expect to be in the center 3 to 5 hours. You will have an ultrasound, lab work, an education session and birth control consultation before seeing the doctor.
- You will be awake for your procedure.
- The procedure takes about 5-10 minutes. You will receive an antibiotic and ibuprofen, and you will receive a numbing medicine injected in the cervix to help decrease any discomfort. Afterwards, you will spend a short period of time in the recovery room.
- There are NO eating restrictions prior to your appointment and we suggest that you have a light meal before you come to the center.

In-Clinic Abortion Procedure (with IV sedation)

- You can expect to be in the center 3 to 5 hours. You will have an ultrasound, lab work, an education session and birth control consultation before seeing the doctor.
- You will be sleepy and relaxed for your procedure, but you will not be totally asleep.
- The procedure takes about 5-10 minutes. You will receive a numbing medicine injected in the cervix and IV medication in the arm to relax and help with discomfort. Afterwards, you will spend approximately 45 minutes in the recovery room.
- You must NOT eat, drink, smoke or chew anything for 6 hours before your appointment, including candy or gum. If your appointment is a 9:00am, this means nothing to eat/drink/smoke or chew after 3am.
- You must have someone with you. We cannot provide sedation unless your support person is present and we cannot let you leave the clinic alone; this is an absolute requirement.

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