



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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This week's Topic: Abortion Techniques: The Pill: RU 486



Education:

RU-486 is a drug that produces an abortion. It can be used from 5 to 9 weeks of pregnancy. It works by blocking progesterone, preventing the uterine lining from nourishing the baby. About two days after the first pill, a second drug is then given that stimulates the uterus to contract and the dead baby is expelled. The mother may abort during a 4 hour waiting period at the clinic, or it may happen elsewhere. A follow-up visit to the clinic is necessary to ensure that the abortion is complete. If the abortion is not complete, a surgical abortion may be necessary. Long term effects have not yet been sufficiently studied, but the drug will dissolve in fat tissue and may remain in the woman's body. Early medication abortions accounted for 13% of all abortion in 2005, with 22% of abortions up to 9 weeks being performed in this way.



Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on women who choose to end the lives of their children by taking these pills. Have mercy on those who manufacture and sell these drugs which kill rather than heal. Help these children of yours to know your healing and forgiveness. Send your special graces to women who purchase these pills to help them change their mind and choose life for their child. We praise and thank you, Lord, that at least one child's life has been saved after the RU486 was taken, by the administration of large doses of progesterone.



Action: Consider stopping and praying for a few minutes outside the Planned Parenthood clinic at 3727 Greenbriar Drive in Stafford, where chemical abortions are offered. This was the site of a 40 Days for Life campaign in spring 2011, and Christian Voices for Life plans to continue such campaigns each spring. A few people are continuing to pray outside the clinic on a regular basis.