



## Christian Voices for Life

### Weekly Pro-Life

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## Does your Pharmacist Know that Plan B and Birth Control can Kill?

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**Education:** Pharmacists are highly educated on a large number of drugs and how they work. However, they often rely on information from the producer of the drug. In the case of contraception and “emergency contraception”, the drug company does not want users to know of their ability to kill a child shortly after conception. “Emergency contraception” refers to methods (Plan B “morning after” pill or insertion of an IUD) used up to 5 days after intercourse has taken place, to prevent a pregnancy that

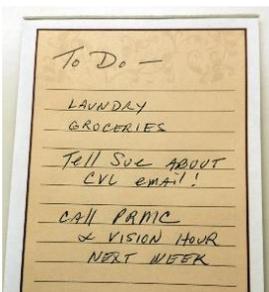
might result from that intercourse. If ovulation has not yet occurred, it may be delayed enough to prevent conception. However, if ovulation has either already occurred or is not prevented, the method also acts to prevent implantation of the newly conceived child. Proponents of the pill say that it has “no effect on pregnancy” but they are defining pregnancy as beginning at implantation rather than conception. Pharmacists for Life International states that “Numerous studies support the notion that the high dose, high-powered steroid(s) found in **Emergency Abortion Drugs like Plan B** are **abortifacient 75 to 89% of the time.**”(1) Women (15 yrs. old and older) can buy the pills (such as “Plan B”) over the counter. It is probable that a significant percentage of the decline in abortions since 1994 is due to the use of emergency contraception – but children’s’ lives are still being lost in many of these cases. In fact, today’s low dose birth control pills can allow ovulation to occur 25-35% of the time. (2) If ovulation occurs, conception may occur as well, and one method of action is to prevent implantation.

1. <http://www.pfli.org/main.php?pfli=planbfaq#.V5ZYMLgrLNM>

2. <http://onemoresoul.com/contraception-abortion/risks-consequences/problems-associated-with-hormonal-birth-control.html>



**Prayer:** Please, Lord, have mercy on women who have engaged in intercourse without being open to the gift of life. Help all women who feel burdened by an unwanted pregnancy to look to You for support and strength, and find concrete help from Christians who are living your love for them. Help pharmacists to learn the truth themselves that so-called “contraception” can in fact end the life of a child already conceived, and be courageous in making sure that consumers are also informed. Help pharmacists to consider refusing to dispense such drugs, in spite of pressure to do so.



**Action:** Ask your pharmacist if he is aware of the abortifacient nature of hormonal birth control, particularly Plan B. Does he inform women purchasing these drugs of that action, as well as of their serious health risks? How does he feel about providing drugs that can kill very young children? Download a [letter to pharmacists](#), print out several copies, and bring them to your local pharmacy.

Please send a brief email to let me know that you have followed through on this action!

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