



## Christian Voices for Life

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### Abortion Can Kill Mom Too

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**Education:** Some people believe abortion should be legal because desperate women will do it anyway, and it is safer when it's legal. Unfortunately, legality does not make abortion safe. Only about half the states require abortion complications to be reported, so the data is at best incomplete. The following three cases are from an article from Live Action. (1)

Holly Patterson (first picture) had just turned 18 when she had a medication abortion in the San Francisco area in 2003. For days she experienced severe cramping. She called PP repeatedly, and eventually went to the ER and was given more painkillers. But the pain continued and she became very weak. On the seventh day after taking the 1<sup>st</sup> pill, she was admitted to the hospital with incomplete abortion and sepsis (severe infection involving the blood). Only hours after her father was called and learned of the pregnancy and abortion, she died.

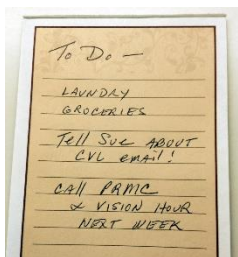
Cree Irwin-Shepherd was 24 years old and had a 1 yr old son in 2016 when she had a first trimester surgical abortion in Michigan. She had severe abdominal pain, so after two days, she told her mother about the abortion and was taken to the hospital. She was kept overnight, given painkillers, sent home, and told to visit her doctor the next day. She slept all day at her mother's home and around midnight was found to be dead. Her autopsy showed a badly perforated uterus.

Twenty-three year old Keisha Atkins (3<sup>rd</sup> picture) died in 2017 after becoming septic during the 4 day late term abortion process. Her child was at least 24 weeks old. The cause of death was reported to be a pulmonary embolism due to pregnancy, but doctors who treated her seem convinced her death came from the abortion, not her pregnancy. Keisha's family is now suing the abortion facility in New Mexico.

1. <https://www.liveaction.org/news/family-members-die-legal-abortion-not-safe/>



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please protect women against doctors who, perhaps because of carelessness or hurry, do serious damage to their abortion patients. Help other doctors involved to find the correct cause of their pain or bleeding and take the necessary steps to save them. Please help the damage caused by doctors to the mothers as well as the babies lead them to repent of their actions and cease their involvement in the abortion industry. Help all women to be aware of the dangers of abortion rather than accepting the abortion industry's claim that the procedure is safe.



**Action:** Please pray for safety of women who make the mistake of having abortions. If a friend expresses support for legal abortion because it protects women from unsafe illegal abortions, explain that legal abortions are still not safe, but legality allows so many more abortions to take place that even a small fraction of complications means too many women dying, or being rendered infertile. Many abortion clinics have been cited repeatedly for safety violations which could lead to infection. To view safety inspection reports on abortion clinics, see

[www.CheckMyClinic.org](http://www.CheckMyClinic.org).