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Abortions with 'Off-Label' Use of Drugs



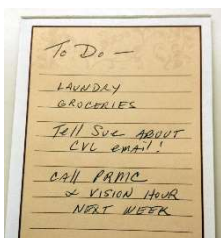
Education: Medication abortions use two drugs. The first, mifepristone, blocks the action of progesterone and renders the child unable to implant. The second drug, misoprostol, induces contractions to expel the baby from the uterus. Unfortunately, both of these drugs are available for other uses which are still legal. Misoprostol is also marketed as Cytotec, for the treatment of ulcers. It has been used for decades to also help induce contractions in labor, but may have some serious side-effects, including a torn uterus. (1) When used as a single drug abortion pill, contractions are induced while the baby is still alive. The bleeding will continue longer, and additional doses of the drug may be required. In a meta-analysis of a number of studies, the child survived about 7% of the time, but 22% had surgical intervention to remove tissue not expelled. (2) If the mother continues the pregnancy, the baby is at higher risk for birth defects. If she does not follow-up to ensure the abortion was complete, she is at risk for serious complications, including sepsis, which can be fatal.

However, it has now been shown, that the "morning after" pill, Ella can also replace the use of mifepristone to block progesterone. The chemical structure of Ella is similar to mifepristone, and it has been long known (although denied by pharmaceutical companies) that as an "emergency contraceptive" it can cause abortion as well as block ovulation. It has now been shown that a double dose of the drug, followed by misoprostol to induce contractions, can cause abortion up to the ninth week of pregnancy. (3) And so, both of these legal drugs can be used together as a medication abortion regimen. The combination of the two has not been tested (at least not publicly). It is unknown if the addition of Ella before Cytotec would decrease the problems seen with Cytotec used alone.

1. [Misoprostol \(marketed as Cytotec\) Information | FDA](#)
2. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6309472/>
3. [Pro-Abortion Group's Study Finds Ingredient in Morning-After Pill Can Induce Abortion | National Catholic Register](#)



Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on women and girls who are facing serious difficulties as a result of their pregnancy. Help them to find the OptionLine, the local pregnancy center, or other source of support that will empower her to resist the temptation or pressure to abort. Allow these women to learn about the long-term painful consequences of abortion. Please touch the hearts of workers in the abortion industry, to help them accept the truth that abortion kills an innocent child. Please give pharmacists the courage to oppose the selling of these drugs for the purpose of killing rather than healing.



Action: Do not be satisfied that abortions are now illegal in your state. We must not only change the law, but change our culture – change people's hearts. Many people go along with the idea of abortion "rights" because they feel that they are upholding women's rights. Once they really see the reality of abortion in the videos at abortionprocedures.org, or hear the very logical reasoning that shows the preborn child to have the same right to life as every other human being.