

EARLY OPTIONS



Medical Education Series

Suggested Supply List for Providers of Medical Abortion

Experienced providers of medical abortion suggest having the following supplies on hand at your health care facility for the provision of medical abortion. Your particular supply needs will depend in part on what on-site services you offer as part of your practice (i.e. ultrasound, Rh typing, surgical back-up) and whether your protocol includes office or home administration of misoprostol.

- Mifepristone or Methotrexate (you will need two 2cc 25mg/mL bottles of methotrexate on hand per client, based on the standard 50 mg/m² protocol; you will need 200mg or 600mg of mifepristone per client depending on the regimen).
- Misoprostol—Some people believe that misoprostol loses its efficacy after extended exposure to air. It is commonly recommended to use individually packaged tablets or replace your bottle every 30 days.
- Pain medicine (either a prescription or dispense 10-30 tablets).
- Childproof bottles or paper medication envelopes to dispense misoprostol (with appropriate labels).
- Drinking water and cups for mifepristone and pain medication.
- 5cc syringes for methotrexate and OSHA compliant disposal containers for empty vials, syringes, and needles.
- Supplies necessary for pelvic examination, including large scopettes for visualizing the cervix and sterile Q-tips for checking the os at the follow-up.
- Ultrasound (with vaginal probe) and supplies (probe covers, ultrasound gel, printer, and paper), unless you will be referring out for this component.
- Latex-free gloves for clients with allergies to latex.
- Hemocue machine, microcuvettes, finger lancets and electronic and fluid controls.
- Venipuncture supplies.
- Urine hCG tests (sensitive to 25 mIU), urine cups, and controls.
- Rh Immune Globulin and Rh testing supplies (if performing Rh testing on site).
- Consent forms, medical chart forms, and, for mifepristone, the manufacturer's Medication Guide and Patient Agreement forms.
- Patient instructions and/or information sheet (including 24-hour emergency contact information; instructions on what symptoms warrant a call to the provider; instructions for using misoprostol if patient is administering at home; information on expected side effects; instructions for emergency department personnel should the patient go to the ER).
- Chux, sanitary pads, hot water bottles or heating pads, and magazines, videos, or books for patients who use misoprostol in the office.
- Supplies for aspiration, unless you will be referring those patients elsewhere.
- Small paper bags to discreetly carry patient's medications, contraceptive samples, etc.