

# Surgical, Medical or Tele-Abortion?

Surgical	Medical	Tele-Abortion
<p><b>Timing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Performed between 6-20 weeks of pregnancy.</li> <li>- Requires a more complex, longer procedure after 14 weeks of pregnancy.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Timing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ideally performed between 5-7 weeks of pregnancy.</li> <li>- Can be performed up to 9 weeks of pregnancy.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Timing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ideally performed between 5-7 weeks of pregnancy.</li> <li>- Can be performed up to 9 weeks of pregnancy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Procedure performed in our operating room.</li> <li>- Performed under intravenous sedation (twilight).</li> <li>- Pregnancy tissue is gently suctioned from the uterus using a small, plastic tube.</li> <li>- Procedure generally takes 10-15 minutes, but you will be in our clinic for a total of approximately 3 hours (including recovery time).</li> <li>- You will need to take a dose of antibiotics at home (Clinic 66 will provide the prescription).</li> <li>- May only require one clinic visit.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You visit the clinic and meet with a consultant who will do blood tests and ultrasound.</li> <li>- First medication (Mifepristone) taken at the clinic and second medication (Misoprostol) taken at home 24-48 hours later which will induce a miscarriage.</li> <li>- Leads to bleeding and cramping (ranging from mild to severe) which can last up to 3 weeks.</li> <li>- Follow up visit is required 3 weeks later with repeat ultrasound assessment to ensure the termination is complete.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You meet with a consultant online who will give you an ultrasound request form, which you will have done locally.</li> <li>- You meet with the consultant again to review tests and she will provide you with prescriptions for the medication, which you will source locally.</li> <li>- You will conduct the medical abortion at home (per 'Medical' option).</li> <li>- one week later you will have a follow up phone call to check your progress.</li> <li>- 4 weeks after the procedure, you should do a home pregnancy test to ensure it is negative.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Support and Recovery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is ideal to have a support person to accompany you to the clinic and take you home after the procedure.</li> <li>- You are unable to drive 24 hours after sedation.</li> <li>- Afterwards, you will remain in our recovery room with ongoing nursing care until you have fully recovered and are able to go home.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Support and Recovery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is highly recommended that you have someone to support you at home for at least the first 24 hours after taking the second set of medications.</li> <li>- Clinic 66 doctors can provide you with medications to assist with pain and cramping.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Support and Recovery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is highly recommended that you have someone to support you at home for at least the first 24 hours after taking the second set of medications.</li> <li>- The 24x7 MSHHealth Help line is available for any concerns at 1300 888 022.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Side Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May feel tired/vague for the rest of the day due to the sedation used.</li> <li>- May experience bleeding and mild cramping, lasting less than 2 weeks (similar to a period).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Side Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bleeding and cramping (as described above).</li> <li>- Possible nausea and vomiting.</li> <li>- Possible fever and chills.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Side Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bleeding and cramping (as described above).</li> <li>- Possible nausea and vomiting.</li> <li>- Possible fever and chills.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cost</b></p> <p>For patients with a Medicare* card:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out of Pocket Cost = \$470</li> </ul> <p>* if you do not have a Medicare card please contact Clinic 66 for further information about cost</p>	<p><b>Cost</b></p> <p>For patients with a Medicare* card:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upfront cost=\$450</li> <li>• Medicare Rebate=\$145.55</li> <li>• Out of Pocket Cost = \$304.45</li> </ul> <p>* if you do not have a Medicare card, please contact Clinic 66 for further information about cost</p>	<p><b>Cost</b></p> <p>There is currently no Medicare rebate available for a Tele-Abortion consultation. The initial consult is a private fee of \$90. The second consultation is a private fee of \$250, however all aftercare and ongoing support is included in these prices. After the second consultation, you get the prescription. You pay fees for the medication directly to the local pharmacist.</p> <p>Medication = \$40 (approx) with Medicare or \$300 without (\$12 with Healthcare card).</p> <p>Ultrasound costs vary. If you have a Medicare card, you may be able to negotiate bulk billing. Pathology tests (blood, urine) can usually be bulk billed if they are required.</p>
<p><b>Complications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complications are rare but may include bleeding, infection and need for further surgery.</li> <li>- Our nurses and doctors can provide you with more information about risks and complications.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Complications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complications are rare but there is a chance that the medical procedure will be unsuccessful (2-5%) requiring a surgical procedure.</li> <li>- Our nurses and doctors can provide you with more information about risks and complications.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Complications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complications are rare but there is a chance that the medical procedure will be unsuccessful (2-5%) requiring a surgical procedure.</li> <li>- You must live within 2hrs of a 24hr hospital emergency department to be eligible for Tele-Abortion.</li> </ul>

**For further information or to make a booking, please contact Clinic 66**  
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