

Abortion & Medical Problems

Many support a woman's right to choose but sadly few know the consequences. The Catholic Medical Association supports your right to know. Medical abortions, which are performed up to 9 weeks of pregnancy with "morning after" pills, are promoted as being safe and something the woman can do herself at home. However a recent large study¹ showed that women having a medical abortion have a 20% chance of significant complications such as excessive bleeding, infection and the need for surgery. To find out more, visit cathmed.org.

¹ M. Niinimäki, A. Pouta, A. Bloigu, M. Gissler, E. Hemminki, S. Suhonen, and O. Heikinheimo, "Immediate Complications After Medical Compared With Surgical Termination of Pregnancy," *Obstet Gynecol* 114 (2009): 795-803 (http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Fulltext/2009/10000/Immediate_Complications_After_Medical_Compared.14.aspx).