

# FACT SHEET

## *How The Abortion Pill Is Dangerous, Deadly & How Christians Can Respond*

### DID YOU KNOW?

The use of chemical abortion (sometimes referred to as pharmaceutical abortion, "medical abortion," "missed period pill," "abortion pill," "self-managed abortion") has become the dominant method of abortion in America?

In 2023, the Guttmacher Institute reported that 63% of all abortions in the US were chemical abortions, up from 53% in 2020. These numbers do not include abortion pills obtained online.

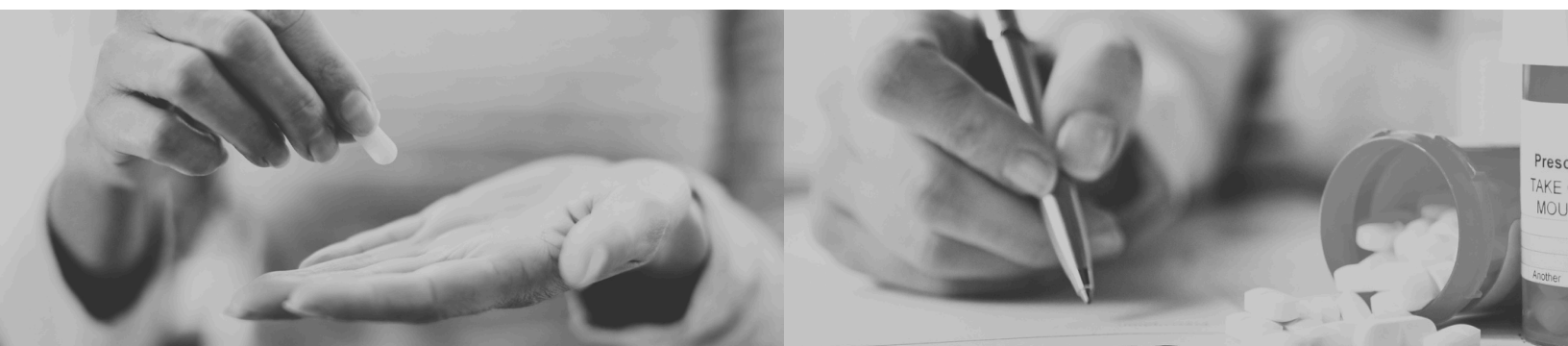
While abortion is unlawful in Oklahoma, chemical abortion pills are proliferating in our state, causing damage in their wake. Many women are unaware how chemical abortion works, and many vendors of the pills downplay the effects on women and their unborn children. Many women and men are unaware that abortion pill reversal is possible in many scenarios.

### HOW DOES *CHEMICAL* ABORTION WORK?

The abortion pill is two medications. The first, mifepristone (Mifeprex, Cytotec), blocks progesterone, the hormone that sustains and nourishes a developing embryo. Resulting in separating of the placenta from the uterine lining. The second medication, misoprostol pills are taken 24-48 hours after mifepristone and causes uterine contractions inducing early labor.

***The use of the abortion pill is much more prolific than was previously known... and the facts are alarming:***

- Abortion pills are being shipped without labels and often without instructions.
- To eliminate the possibility of Abortion Pill Reversal, some distributors only send the second medication. The first medication cuts off nutrition to baby and causes its demise.
- The FDA has approved the pill for use up to 10 weeks. It is being used beyond and without medical care or an ultrasound to confirm and date pregnancy.
- 43% of the women/girls who get an abortion state they attend church regularly, 70% claim a Christian religious preference. (*Focus on the Family*)
- According to Care Net, a national organization that supports pregnancy resource centers, men are purchasing the pills and slipping them to girlfriends and wives when they don't agree with continuing a pregnancy. There are also reports of abusive men and human traffickers forcing abortion pills on women, to cover their actions.
- Abortion pills are being advertised as "Missed Period" pills and being taken without pregnancy confirmation.
- Chemical abortion is deadly to the unborn child. The abortion pill can be dangerous for women. According to one source, the "Ethics and Public Policy Center exposed a shocking reality: The actual risk for women who take mifepristone is about 22x higher than that initial data claimed. In fact, more than 1 in 10 women are seriously injured, experiencing sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, or other significant problems."



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### THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF **CHEMICAL** ABORTION

Many of the women and men considering abortion when they come to a pregnancy center believe the lies that it's not a baby, that it's a clump of tissue and taking the abortion pill is as simple as a heavy period. Many change their minds and choose life after being educated on abortion procedures and risks, many more choose life when they see their baby on ultrasound. God uses the truth of abortion and fetal development to help them choose life. But, they don't all come to a pregnancy center.

God is showing Hope Pregnancy Center staff that the use of the abortion pill is greater than we know. While abortion is illegal in Oklahoma, the abortion pill is easily obtained online. Women are taking the abortion pills and delivering babies at home, dorms, in work and public restrooms. Pills are often taken without medical oversight and without knowledge of the process they will incur, including seeing their baby.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

#### **PRAY.**

Ask God to stop the proliferation of chemical abortion. Pray that God would change hearts and minds toward life.

#### **SPEAK UP.**

Educate as many people as possible on the reality of the Abortion Pill and Abortion Pill Reversal.

#### **ADVOCATE.**

Contact your lawmakers and advocate for life-protecting laws in Oklahoma and at the Federal level.

#### **TAKE ACTION LOCALLY.**

Support and volunteer with your local crisis pregnancy center.

For more resources, including a "Fight for Life" 3-part video series and more, visit [www.OklahomaBaptists.org/life](http://www.OklahomaBaptists.org/life) or [www.obhc.org/hope/culture-changers](http://www.obhc.org/hope/culture-changers)

