

## EVERYWOMAN'S VIRTUAL MEDICAL ABORTION CONSENT

I understand that the purpose of today's medical abortion procedure is to end my pregnancy. I have not been forced by anyone to end this pregnancy. I understand that two medications, mifepristone and misoprostol, are used to induce an abortion. We prescribe them according to the evidence-based protocols approved by the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada and the National Abortion Federation.

I understand that the complications of medical abortion, while very rare, may occur in spite of the best intentions and skill of the staff of Everywoman's Health Centre. I have been informed that there is a possible risk of some tissue remaining in the uterus, as well as continuation of pregnancy, which would require a aspiration procedure to complete the abortion. There is also a remote risk of hemorrhage, allergic reaction or error in estimating the duration or existence of pregnancy. I understand that there are also some very remote risks including serious infection, blood transfusion, or rarer still, death and I accept these risks.

I am giving my full consent to the doctor to provide a medical abortion, and for the treatment of any complications, should they arise.

I know I should not change your mind about having an abortion after you have taken misoprostol, since this medication is known to damage growing pregnancies. If the medication fails, we strongly recommend that you agree to a surgical abortion. When you have your one-week follow-up appointment, we will decide if you need more tests. Everyone should do the urine pregnancy test at 4 weeks to make sure the pregnancy is completely gone.

About 1% of pregnancies grow in the fallopian tubes instead of the uterus; they are called **ectopic pregnancies**. If a pregnancy is ectopic, Mifepristone will not work. This may mean a different medication or surgery to remove the pregnancy from the fallopian tube.

**ECTOPIC PREGNANCY WARNING - Ectopic pregnancies can be dangerous if the pregnancy causes the fallopian tube to rupture and bleed into the abdomen. It is common to have cramping pain as the pregnancy gets smaller and goes away (reabsorbs) but watch for strong, steady pain on one side that gets worse with movement. If that occurs, I must go to the nearest Hospital Emergency Department and say that I may be at risk of a rupturing ectopic pregnancy.**

I will not hold Everywoman's Health Centre responsible for loss or injury that may result from failure to follow the instructions I have been given or for anything that happens due to my withholding information about myself. I commit to completing all the necessary follow-up appointments.

I have read and understood the above and have had an opportunity to discuss any concerns or questions that I might have. I hereby consent to have a medical abortion at Everywoman's Health Centre.