

# THE TRUTH ABOUT CHEMICAL ABORTION DRUGS

THREE MYTHS & THREE FACTS



Since the initial approval of chemical abortion drugs by the FDA in 2000, government agencies and cultural voices have repeatedly claimed that the drugs are “safe and effective.”

But is that claim true? Or, did the FDA put women at greater risk by removing commonsense safety standards, beginning in 2016?

This is your guide to find out what the pro-abortion forces don't want you to know about abortion drugs, commonly referred to as the “abortion pill.”

**Alliance Defending Freedom is proud to be on the front lines of this issue, standing up for the health and safety of women and girls. ADF is committed to challenging the reckless actions of the government and the abortion industry to promote drugs that harm women and are designed to destroy innocent unborn life.**



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[Doctors Are Standing Up to Protect Women Who Are Suffering from the FDA's Reckless Actions](#)

# # ONE

## MYTH

Abortion drugs are safe and effective.

## FACT

Abortion drugs put women and girls at increased risk of harm.

Simply put, abortion drugs present many risks to women.

According to the FDA's own label, roughly one in 25 women who use these drugs may end up in the ER. Women and girls across the country have suffered serious, even life-threatening, complications such as severe bleeding, infections, or sepsis because the FDA stopped requiring doctors to provide vital in-person exams to women using these high-risk drugs.

Despite this, the FDA removed all in-person doctor visits, including necessary screenings for serious conditions and life-threatening complications, causing more women to end up in hospital emergency rooms. Data cited by the FDA showed that hospitalizations increased 300% with no in-person doctor visit.

Doctors and medical professionals are filling the care gap created by the FDA, caring for the many women who have been lied to and misled by the government agency supposedly dedicated to 'protecting' their health.

Pro-abortion forces seem to be interested in protecting the industry's profits and not the health and well-being of women and girls.

Roughly one in 25 women who use abortion drugs will require emergency medical attention for serious, even life-threatening, complications.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Abortion drugs put women's lives at risk of dangerous complications.

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[I Was Told Abortion Drugs Wouldn't Hurt Me. It Was a Lie.](#)

# #TWO

## MYTH

Removing safety standards for abortion drugs was a sensible, science-based decision.

## FACT

The FDA put women at increased risk by removing commonsense safety standards that protected women from a high-risk drug.

If the FDA was being true to its mission to “protect” the health and safety of women, it would be honest with the people it serves about the harm caused by abortion drugs. It would restore the safety standards that had been in place for 16 years—standards that the FDA once argued were necessary for “safe” use of the drugs.

For instance, doctors were previously required to provide ongoing care to women using the drugs, including an initial in-person visit and two follow-up visits to check for serious complications like severe bleeding and life-threatening infection.

That’s gone now. If the FDA was really prioritizing women’s health, it wouldn’t allow women to get these high-risk drugs without a single doctor’s visit.

The FDA seems to be more interested in pushing abortion drugs instead of protecting women’s health and safety.



**BOTTOM LINE:** The FDA must be held accountable for recklessly—and illegally—removing important safeguards that helped protect women from high-risk drugs.

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[Supreme Court Weighs Restoring Commonsense Safeguards for Chemical Abortion Drugs](#)

# #THREE

## MYTH

Abortion Pill Reversal is  
'unproven' or 'unethical'

## FACT

Statistics show that taking the natural hormone progesterone before taking the second drug in the abortion drug process has likely saved over 5,000 unborn lives and has a 64-68% success rate.

When they censor and target statements about Abortion Pill Reversal (APR), pro-abortion voices make clear that their claim to support “choice” for women is disingenuous.

The most common form of chemical abortion is a two-drug regimen—mifepristone, followed by misoprostol. Some women, after taking mifepristone, experience regret and change their minds about wanting an abortion. APR uses the natural hormone progesterone to counteract the life-ending effects of the first abortion drug.

APR has been shown to have a 64-68% success rate.  
**To date, it's estimated to have saved more than 5,000 unborn lives.**

The abortion lobby and their allies in government are trying to keep women from finding out about the option to save their babies after beginning the abortion drug process. ADF is challenging state officials who have tried to punish pregnancy centers for speaking about it. We're also standing for medical professionals in a state that has attempted to prohibit them from providing APR or even providing information about it to their patients.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Abortion Pill Reversal is saving innocent lives, and women deserve to hear the truth about this available option.

## LEARN MORE:

[Women Deserve the Opportunity to Choose Abortion Pill Reversal](#)

# SUPREME COURT DECLINES TO ADDRESS FDA'S RECKLESSNESS

When the FDA recklessly removed safety standards for high-risk abortion drugs—the very standards it deemed necessary when the agency initially approved the drugs in 2000—it put women in danger.

ADF attorneys representing medical professionals and organizations challenged the FDA's removal of commonsense safeguards for abortion drugs, and the lawsuit reached the U.S. Supreme Court. The FDA managed to avoid accountability for endangering women's health on a legal technicality.

However, the government and the Court both recognized broad conscience protection for doctors. The Court recognized that “[f]ederal law fully protects doctors against being required to provide abortions or other medical treatment against their consciences.”

## WORK CONTINUES AT THE STATE LEVEL

ADF is currently defending faith-based, pro-life pregnancy centers that have been punished by government officials in four states for speaking truthfully and positively about Abortion Pill Reversal.

And we are also working with lawmakers to craft legislative solutions that provide critical safeguards for pregnancy centers, ensuring that they can continue to serve women and families in their states. The CARE (Center Autonomy and Rights of Expression) Act protects the life-saving mission and work of pregnancy centers in several ways, including:

- Prohibiting state officials from forcing a pregnancy center to perform or refer a woman for abortion.
- Ensuring that state officials cannot prohibit a pregnancy center from providing pregnancy care, counseling services, or any other service related to pregnancy and postpartum care simply because it does not perform, counsel in favor of, or provide referrals for abortion.
- Prohibiting state officials from seeking to limit the free expression and free association rights of pregnancy centers.

## LEARN MORE:

[Visit \[adflegal.org/WeCare\]\(https://adflegal.org/WeCare\) to learn how ADF is defending the rights of pregnancy centers](https://adflegal.org/WeCare)

# WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW



## PRAY

Pray that God would work in the hearts and minds of Americans—that we would have a renewal of a culture that supports women’s health and affirms life in our country. Pray for our work at the state level, that more laws would be passed that save lives and put an end to the harms of chemical abortion drugs. Pray that more mothers who have taken the first abortion drug would be led to learn more about Abortion Pill Reversal and be moved to save their baby’s life.



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