

Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Case Name: *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration*

Case Action: Filed in federal court November 18th, 2022

Significance: Whether women and girls are protected from dangerous chemical abortion drugs

Background: In 2000, the FDA approved chemical abortion drugs for use in the United States. The *only* way the FDA could have approved these chemical abortion drugs was to characterize pregnancy as an “illness” and argue that these deadly drugs provide a “meaningful therapeutic benefit.” What’s more, in approving these chemical abortion drugs, the FDA needed to disavow science because the FDA never studied the safety of the actual drug regimen, ignored the potential impacts of the hormone-blocking chemical on the developing bodies of adolescent girls, and disregarded the undisputed evidence that [chemical abortions cause more complications](#) than even surgical abortions. Since then, the FDA has not reversed course, followed the science, or fixed its mistakes to protect women and girls—instead, it has removed the few safeguards that were in place. In 2022, ADF attorneys—representing medical associations and individual doctors who treat women harmed by chemical abortion—filed a lawsuit challenging the FDA’s approval of chemical abortion drugs and subsequent evisceration of the few safeguards for this drug regimen. This is the first and only lawsuit ever to challenge the FDA’s approval of chemical abortion drugs and the removal of necessary protections for women and girls.



Key Points

- The FDA has been entrusted to serve as the nation’s gatekeeper of legal drugs. By pushing chemical abortion drugs, the FDA has failed to protect the safety of women and girls.
- The FDA must be held accountable for their actions and reverse course by pulling chemical abortion drugs from the market.

Key Facts

- The FDA approved chemical abortion drugs without basis and have spent decades now removing what few safeguards were left.
- The FDA has consistently stonewalled ADF’s clients to avoid responsibility for the harms it has done to women.
- Women and children are harmed when dangerous drugs are approved and even encouraged.
 - [One in five women](#) who undergo a chemical abortion will suffer a complication and require further medical attention.
 - Chemical abortion has a complication rate [four times higher](#) than surgical abortions. All abortions end the life of a child.

The Bottom Line: The FDA must protect the health, safety, and welfare of women and girls by rejecting dangerous chemical abortion drugs.