

The Truth About CHEMICAL ABORTION DRUGS

3 MYTHS AND 3 FACTS



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SINCE CHEMICAL ABORTION DRUGS WERE APPROVED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) IN 2000, the narrative from government officials, abortion businesses, and activists has been that these drugs are “safe and effective.” BUT IS THAT CLAIM TRUE?

The research says otherwise. And in the last decade, the FDA has put women at greater risk by removing commonsense safety standards for these high-risk drugs.

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

Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) has been at the tip of the spear on this issue, fighting for the health and safety of women and babies—even when few others have been willing to do so.

ADF is committed to challenging the reckless actions of the government and abortion industry in promoting drugs that harm women and are designed to destroy innocent unborn life.



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[Coerced, Deceived, Abandoned: The Painful Toll of Mail-Order Abortion Drugs](#)

MYTH: Abortion drugs are safe and effective.

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

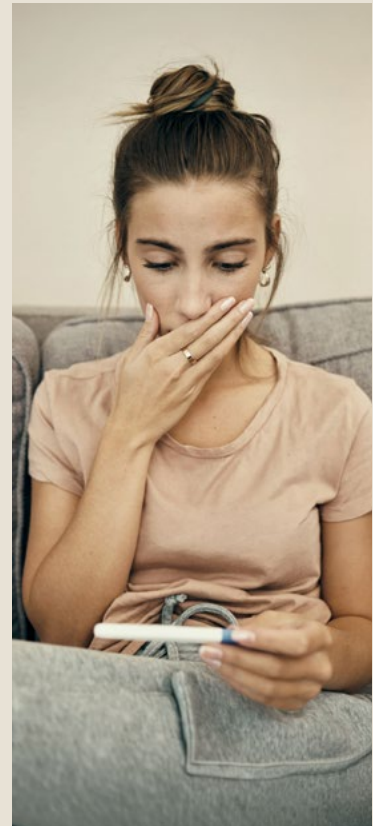
Simply put, abortion drugs present many risks to women.

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

Despite this, the FDA removed all in-person office visits and even enabled these drugs to be accessible through the mail. That means anyone can get access to these drugs and coerce or force pregnant women to take them. It also means women are now taking these drugs without being screened for serious conditions and life-threatening complications, causing even more women to suffer complications. Data cited by the FDA shows that hospitalizations increased 300% with no in-person doctor visit.

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

BOTTOM LINE: Abortion drugs are high-risk and can cause serious, even life-threatening complications.



MYTH: Removing the in-person dispensing requirement for abortion drugs gives women more autonomy over their bodies.

FACT: The FDA's authorization of mail-order abortions enables bad actors to easily access these high-risk drugs and harm women.

The FDA under President Biden systematically stripped away commonsense safety standards for high-risk abortion drugs, making them widely available to anyone, including through the mail.

Since the Dobbs case overturned Roe v. Wade, the abortion industry has sought to circumvent the will of pro-life states by enabling these drugs to flow into such states through the mail, despite their laws protecting women and the unborn.

This mail-order abortion scheme has done great harm. Not only has it led to the loss of many unborn lives in pro-life states like Louisiana, for example—but it also has left the door wide open for abusers and bad actors to harm women.

We're seeing more stories of pregnant women who have been coerced, forced, or even deceived into taking abortion drugs. Some have had their drinks unknowingly poisoned with these drugs by their partners, ending the lives of their babies. Currently, ADF is representing Rosalie





ADF client Rosalie Markezich

Markezich, a Louisiana woman who was coerced into taking abortion drugs by her former boyfriend, who had ordered the drugs through the mail in her name.

If the FDA was really prioritizing women's health, it wouldn't risk their safety and the lives of their unborn babies by making high-risk abortion drugs easily accessible to abusers and bad actors.

BOTTOM LINE: The FDA must be held accountable for its abortion-by-mail scheme, which recklessly endangers women and unborn lives even in states that try to protect them.

MYTH: Abortion Pill Reversal is “unproven” or “unethical.”

FACT: Statistics show that Abortion Pill Reversal has likely saved over 7,000 unborn lives and has a 64-68% success rate.

When pro-abortion voices censor and target statements about Abortion Pill Reversal (APR), they 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 7,000 unborn lives.

The abortion lobby and their allies in government are trying to keep women from finding out about the option to try to save their babies after beginning the abortion drug process. ADF has successfully challenged state officials who have tried to punish pregnancy centers and medical professionals for even speaking about it or prohibit them from providing this potentially life-saving option.

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

HOW WE'RE HOLDING THE FDA

Accountable

ADF has challenged the FDA's reckless removal of safety standards for abortion drugs and enabling of abortion-by-mail.

An ADF case on behalf of medical professionals and organizations who were challenging the FDA made it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Unfortunately, the FDA managed to avoid accountability on a legal technicality.

But this fight did not end there. Now, ADF is representing Rosalie and the state of Louisiana in a lawsuit against the FDA. In 2023, Rosalie learned she was pregnant. She works with kids and was excited about the opportunity to raise her own child.

But her then-boyfriend didn't share her enthusiasm. He ordered abortion drugs from a doctor in California to Rosalie's home in Louisiana, a state with strong pro-life protections. But because the Biden FDA authorized abortion-by-mail, he was able to get the drugs at the click of a few buttons.

He coerced Rosalie to take the drugs, which took her child's life. Rosalie still grieves the loss of her baby. She's challenging the FDA to protect women like her and their unborn babies from this same harm.



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WORK CONTINUES AT THE *State Level*

ADF is defending faith-based, pro-life pregnancy centers that have been targeted and punished by government officials in numerous 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.



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 safety and protects life in our country. Pray for case outcomes and legislation at the federal and state levels that would stop abortion-by-mail and put an end to the harms of 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 attempt to save their baby’s life.



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