RU-486 (Mifepristone) What Does It Mean For Me?

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You have many questions. No one understands what you are going through. Why can’t someone just give you some straight answers? A piece of paper like this can’t claim that it cares. The person who gave it to you does care. He or she cares enough to give you the information that you may not be getting elsewhere.

Before you make any decisions about the baby you are carrying, read this information so you are fully informed. Then go back to the person who gave this to you and talk. You will probably find someone waiting to listen and wanting to help.

**What is RU-486?**
RU-486, or mifepristone, is a drug that kills a developing baby in the womb. It is legally used in the United States within the first 49 days of pregnancy. When used with a drug that induces labor, it is about 95% effective.

**Isn’t RU-486 more private than going to an abortion clinic?**
A surgical abortion requires one visit to the clinic. The RU-486 procedure requires at least three visits to the doctor. Quite often a woman aborts her baby at home.

**What exactly do I have to do?**
At your first visit, the doctor will check to make sure you are within the first 49 days of your pregnancy. The doctor will give you three mifepristone pills that are 200 milligrams each. This is the drug that will kill the baby. Within 48 hours you will return to the doctor so he or she can give you three more pills. These are a prostaglandin, most likely Cytotec®, and are 200 micrograms each. This drug induces labor and starts contractions. You will deliver the baby in the doctor’s office or later after you arrive back home. Within two weeks, you will return to the doctor. He or she will check to make sure the baby was aborted. If not, a fourth visit will be scheduled so the doctor can do a surgical abortion for you.

**Does it hurt?**
There is pain involved in any abortion. An RU-486 abortion will cause severe cramping, excessive bleeding for weeks, and possibly a need for a blood transfusion.

**What should I do?**
Take direction from the only source of truth — God’s Word. The Bible tells us that life begins at conception. “Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time by mother conceived me” (Psalm 51:5). We also know that your baby is growing and developing in wonderful ways.

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:13-14). Added to that, we know that it is not our right or freedom to end life. “And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man” (Genesis 9:5) and “You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13).

For those reasons, you need the support to keep your pregnancy and do the best you can for your baby. Those decisions are not easy, but they can be made only after you make the first choice to preserve your baby’s life. There are people who care about you and want to help. The friend who gave you this brochure cares and wants to help. You may also find great help and support in a local counseling center, your church, family and additional friends. Above all you have a loving God. “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved” (Ephesians 2:4-5).

While these paragraphs remind us that we are all sinful, they also reveal a loving Savior who died for our sins. That means He loves both you and your baby. Trust in Him and lean on Him during these tough times.

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