Medication Abortion: About Your Day

- **Check in**—
  - Identification and insurance information will be collected.
  - You will receive a clipboard with information to read and forms to complete. Please carry your clipboard with you and continue working on your paperwork until it is all complete. If you have questions, please ask, we are happy to help.
  - Please do not sign any of the paperwork until instructed by a staff member.

- **Ultrasound**—You will have an ultrasound to determine the gestational age of your pregnancy. A probe (like a wand) will be placed on your abdomen or into your vagina to get a picture of the pregnancy. You will have the choice to view images of the ultrasound and/or know if it is a multiple pregnancy (twins).

- **Laboratory Tests**—You may have:
  - The doctor may decide that you need a finger poke or blood draw from your arm for certain testing (i.e., RH factor, Hgb (hemoglobin), HCG, etc.)
  - Testing for sexually transmitted infections is available by request. Some testing may be covered by insurance. Please ask a staff member if interested.

If you have received your nurse assessment and patient education over the phone, you have already completed most of the steps in the box below. If you have not received the nurse assessment and patient education prior to today, you will complete the steps in the box below.

- **Nurse Assessment**—You will have:
  - Your medical history reviewed by a nurse.
  - The opportunity to discuss contraceptive methods (bedside.org is a great resource if undecided).

- **Education and Consent**—A staff person will:
  - Tell you about the medication abortion, the risks and possible complications.
  - Discuss your decision with you.
  - Answer any questions you have.
  - Obtain your written consent (permission) to have the medication abortion.

- **Payment**—You will be required to pay in-full prior to your procedure, unless you have previously arranged to pay with insurance or Minnesota Medical Assistance. WHC accepts all major credit cards, debit, and cash. Unfortunately, we cannot accept personal checks.

- **Medication Abortion**—You will:
  - Be called back by a staff member for your procedure.
  - Be given your first medication, Mifeprex, by the physician.
  - Receive medications and prescriptions to complete the medication abortion at home and Home Care Instructions for Medical Abortion. You may also receive a prescription for birth control if desired. It is your responsibility to have any prescriptions filled at a pharmacy. Please note that if you have out-of-state Medical Assistance (ie BadgerCare) your prescriptions will not be covered. On average, the cost of the two prescriptions is less than $30.00.
• **Follow-up Appointments**—A follow up phone call about a week after the abortion and a home pregnancy test 4 weeks after the abortion are needed to confirm the abortion is complete. The phone call appointment will be scheduled before you leave the clinic. The call should take about 15 minutes or less.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

• **Breaks**—If you wish to step out of our office during the day, please notify the front desk. We request that you stay in the waiting room until your paperwork is complete and you have met with all staff. There are several points throughout the day that patients need to stay in the waiting area of the clinic.

• **Food**—Food is allowed in the waiting room for patients and support people. There are vending machines located on the bottom floor (Level 1), near the stairs. There are also several restaurants located within walking distance of the clinic, please ask the front desk for more information.

• **Parking**—There is not parking available at WHC. If you parked in the back parking lot, move your vehicle immediately or it may be towed. If you parked at the Technology Village Parking Lot, the pay station is located on the 2nd or skywalk level. Parking is $1.00/hour and can be paid by cash and/or card prior to exiting the ramp.

• **Protesters**—If you encounter any difficulties with protesters outside the clinic today, please inform WHC staff at the front desk or call the police.

• **Security**—Our security system is for the protection of WHC patients, staff, and physicians. We understand this can be an inconvenience, but it is for everyone’s own safety. No one will be admitted into the clinic without a photo ID with their date of birth.

• **Smoking**—Smoking is prohibited within 100 feet of the building, this includes the front plaza.

• **Maxi Pads**—If you need/want a pad we have them available, please just ask a staff member for one.

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**Special Note**

If you have out-of-state Medical Assistance (ie. Badger Care), the prescriptions sent home with you today to be filled will not be covered. On average, the cost of the two prescriptions is less than $30.00.