

# ABORTION

# IMPACT AND RISKS

## CHEMICAL ABORTION RISKS

Although the abortion industry bills “the abortion pill” RU-486 and Misoprostol as a “safe and effective way to end an early pregnancy,” the truth is that chemical abortions are traumatic procedures with lasting consequences. The combination of drugs can cause abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, excessive bleeding, and even death. Perhaps most concerningly, there is insufficient reporting on the long-term effects of medical abortions as RU-486 was only approved in October 2000.<sup>1</sup>



Abortion activists are using the coronavirus pandemic to normalize unsupervised abortion by pushing for easier access to medication-induced abortions through mail-order and telemedicine/telabortion. The danger of telabortion almost doesn’t need an explanation. TelAbortion allows a medical procedure in which a woman’s body is forced to expel a baby before it is designed to, without any medical personnel present. It also eliminates any kind of mandatory follow-up care in the case of complications. Medical abortions are not always “effective,” with some citing that about 5% of patients need a surgical abortion because of an incomplete medical abortion, in addition to the serious risks that accompany medical abortions listed above.<sup>2</sup>

## SURGICAL RISKS

Abortions are invasive and violate the natural order, so it’s no surprise that surgical procedures pose a risk to the mother. With aspiration abortions (D&C or suction), risks include injury to the uterus, cervix, and other nearby organs and blood vessels. There is always the risk of an “incomplete abortion” in which parts of the aborted baby are left behind, causing pain, nausea, excessive bleeding, and even death.

Not only do aspiration abortions pose a risk to the mother at the time of surgery and shortly after, but they also pose a long-term risk. One of these risks is the potential complication of future pregnancy. For example, it can decrease the mother’s ability to carry a future pregnancy to term. The suctioning and scraping of the cervix can cause damage to the cervix, which can cause scarring, increasing premature births, and uterine rupture in future pregnancies. Damage to the uterine lining puts women at a significantly higher risk of hemorrhaging during delivery, meaning that it poses a health risk to the mother at future births even if she is able to carry the baby to term.<sup>3</sup>

D&E abortions pose immediate risk to the mother. Because of how developed the baby is at this stage, and because the baby is removed in pieces, there is the risk of laceration and perforation of the uterus from sharp broken fetal bones. These perforations and lacerations are not only dangerous to the uterus but also to surrounding organs.

Furthermore, because abortion is volatile politically, legislators have been wary of regulating clinics. As a result, practices that would never be tolerated in any other health care environment are “business as usual” in abortion clinics. Abortion clinics have been known to operate with no one on staff who has current CPR training, no one qualified to administer anesthesia and no functioning emergency equipment. Some clinics even store emergency medications past expiration dates and leave sterile surgical supply items in a dirty washroom.

According to Americans United for Life *Unsafe*<sup>4</sup> report, 2,400 abortion facility health and safety violations were reported in just the last 12 years (2008–2020), implicating well over 300 abortion businesses in hazardous, unclean abortions.

## THE “ABC” LINK

Many studies scientifically demonstrate the link between abortion and breast cancer (ABC link). Still, abortion advocates attempt to explain away the evidence, like the following:



“When a woman becomes pregnant her body begins to go through biological changes in order to prepare for childbirth. Increased levels of estrogen during pregnancy cause a woman’s breasts to enlarge with cells that will eventually allow for milk production. By the time of a full-term birth these cells have differentiated into milk producing tissue and have stopped multiplying. These cells are resistant to cancer because they have been differentiated into a specific type of cell, and the cell multiplication process has been stopped. If a woman has an

abortion before her 3rd trimester of pregnancy, her breasts are left with more undifferentiated cells that are more vulnerable to cancer than if she had never been pregnant.”<sup>5</sup>

The ABC link particularly impacts Black women. According to The Restoration Project, “Being Black is a risk factor for some breast cancers and Black women average 35-36% or more of the abortions in the United States revealing a strong correlation between the disproportionate increase in cancer among these women with the higher abortion rate.”<sup>6</sup> Studies show that Latina women are also more vulnerable to some breast cancers, and Latina women get more than 20% of abortions in the U.S. “Among Hispanic women, breast cancer will be the leading cause of cancer death.”<sup>7</sup>

## PERMANENT SCAR

While the physical and emotional risks of abortion are concerns, the most critical risk is spiritual destruction. Both men and women experience soul-deep scars.

Abortion is not, has never been, and never will be safe. It violates the natural order and goes against God’s will. It comes with a very high price tag: a woman’s physical and emotional well-being and the psychological health of her entire family. Abortion hurts the lives of everyone it touches.

## **IMPACT ON WOMEN**

In the past, fear and respect have motivated people to make responsible sexual choices. But since *Roe v. Wade* divided sex from reproduction, people stopped being responsible for the consequences of their actions. Exercising so-called “equality,” women began engaging in sex with little discretion. When the inevitable unwanted pregnancies resulted, abortionists were waiting.



A 2011 study published in the *British Journal of Psychiatry* found dramatic mental health changes in women who had abortions. The medical information of 877,000 women was examined. Of those 877,000, 164,000 were women who had an abortion. The women who were post abortive were 81% more likely to experience these mental health struggles: 34% more likely to develop an anxiety disorder; 37% more likely to experience depression; 110% more likely to abuse alcohol; 155% more likely to commit suicide; 220% more likely to abuse marijuana.<sup>8</sup>

## **IMPACT ON MEN**

Everything we currently know about the psychological or emotional impact of abortion on men is underestimated. Men are much more likely to avoid self-disclosure than women. A 2007 study found that four out of ten men experience PTSD symptoms usually occurring about 15 years after the abortion.

Men who have experienced abortion are reported as feeling the following: 88% feel grief and sadness; 82% feel guilt; 77% feel anger; 64% feel anxiety; 68% feel isolated; 40% report having sexual problems; 31% feel helplessness.<sup>9</sup>

## **IMPACT ON ECONOMY**

There are over 61 million members of our society missing.<sup>6</sup> With that many people gone from our society, it leaves a big gap in our economy. A decrease in the amount of people being born compared to the number of people aging is off balance due to abortion. Fewer workers are in the workforce, which means fewer taxes are being paid which, also leads to less money funding government programs.

This significantly impacts Medicare/Medicaid and Social Security. A Pew Research study showed that states with the highest levels of unemployment had the biggest decreases in birth rate. The number of working-age Americans is growing more slowly while the elderly population is growing larger. Since *Roe v. Wade*, abortion has robbed the American economy of 35 trillion dollars which comes from the loss of productivity by having fewer workers contributing to society.<sup>10</sup>

*Endnote sources available upon request.*

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