

Session 6

Incorporation of medication abortion

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Abortion methods

- Manual vacuum aspiration (MVA)
- Electric vacuum aspiration (EVA)
- Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)
- Dilation & Curettage (D&C)
- Medical abortion (MA/MMA)

Abortion Methods

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You must know the names of these methods

MAMMA
Medical abortion



Mifepristone & Misoprostol

- Mifepristone detaches the foetus from the uterine wall, resulting in foetal death and beginning the bleeding process
- Misoprostol contracts the uterus to expel the contents of the uterus; more bleeding occurs as this process takes place

Medical Abortion: the new frontier



- Mifepristone (RU 486) up to 49 days pregnancy duration; legalized in 2002
- Misoprostol was legalized for first trimester abortion in 2006
- Comprehensive Guidelines indicate medical abortion up to 63 days is legal but Act needs to be amended (2008)
- Certified provider required but does not need site certification
- However evidence shows that MA drugs are accessed from chemists without prescription