

mainstream medical studies such as those authored by the National Institute of Health reach the following conclusion: "Legal induced abortion is markedly safer than childbirth. The risk of death associated with childbirth is approximately 14 times higher than that with abortion.

Similarly, the overall morbidity associated with childbirth exceeds that with abortion."

Nonetheless, while these advancements are still in the developmental stages, there may be concerns about how our bodies will be affected; and naturally, different procedures will affect the body in different ways. The aforementioned mifepristone drug disables a woman's pregnancy once it is administered. The caveat with medical abortions, however, is that this could be harmful to a select group of women: those of whom suffering an ectopic pregnancy. Ectopic pregnancies occur when the fertilized egg attached to an ovary, as opposed to attaching to the fallopian tube. With the enhancements from mifepristone, the pregnancy has the potential to rupture entirely, resulting in uncontrollable bleeding. Furthermore, medical abortions require a follow-up pill, misoprostol, that is taken 24 to 48 hours after the administration of mifepristone. Misoprostol is common in treatment of miscarriages, as well as induction of labor; in this case, however, the drug is taken to contract and empty the uterus, thereby ridding of the fetus. Consumption of these "abortion pills" typically result in heavy bleeding and severe cramps. Aside from medical abortions, there are also surgical abortions that entail oral medication prior to the procedure; this includes taking Vicodin alongside Misoprostol, and typically the side effects range mildly from spotting to slight cramping.

Yet despite the novel sciences behind our new technological improvements in abortion and the reassurance of the caveats elucidating how our bodies are affected, the topic still remains very controversial amongst the public. Many people see abortion as cruel and oftentimes compare it to murder, while others justify abortion on a case-by-case basis. There may be