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**SUBJ: SC DHEC Form 3172 - REPORT OF INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY:**

[ Abortifacient drug **Methotrexate** may be used to kill the baby in both **in-utero** and **ectopic** pregnancies ]

Please refer to the eighth page of the eight pages in this 2021 report from SC DHEC on "abortion" statistics posted here:

[https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/2021-Abortion\\_SC-Report.pdf](https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/2021-Abortion_SC-Report.pdf)

SC DHEC Form 3172 is the online electronic form used by the "abortion" centers to comply with the reporting requirement in SC Code Section 44-41-60:

**SECTION 44-41-60. Abortions must be reported.**

**"Any abortion performed in this State must be reported by the performing physician on the standard form for reporting abortions to the State Registrar, Department of Health and Environmental Control, within seven days after the abortion is performed. The names of the patient and physician may not be reported on the form or otherwise disclosed to the State Registrar. The form must indicate from whom consent was obtained, circumstances waiving consent, and, if an exception was exercised pursuant to Section 44-41-660, which exception the physician relied upon in performing or inducing the abortion."**

Note Block #20 of the SC DHEC Form 3172, entitled "**20. TERMINATION PROCEDURES**".

Notice the column entitled "Type of Procedure".

Going down the list, the sixth procedure used to commit an "abortion" is listed as "**Medication Abortion**" (such, as, but not limited to, **mifepristone/misoprostol** or **methotrexate/misoprostol**)"

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Mifepristone is also known as RU486 ( <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mifepristone> ). It is used to terminate the pregnancy (kill the baby).

Misoprostol is then used to expel the baby from the uterus ( <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Misoprostol> )

**"For abortions it [ Misoprostol ] is used by itself and with [mifepristone](#) or [methotrexate](#)."**

**"Misoprostol is used either alone or in conjunction with another medication ([mifepristone](#) or [methotrexate](#)) for [medical abortions](#) as an alternative to [surgical abortion](#)."**

**"Mifepristone inhibits the signals of pregnancy hormones, eventually causing the uterine lining to degrade, similar to a period, which cause the embryo to detach from the uterus walls."**

So, "Medication Abortions" can be committed using either Mifepristone or **Methotrexate** to kill the baby.

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## Methotrexate

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Methotrexate>

"**Methotrexate is an abortifacient and it is used to treat ectopic pregnancies**, provided the fallopian tube has not ruptured. Methotrexate with [dilation and curettage](#) is used to treat [molar pregnancy](#). Rarely, it is used in combination with mifepristone to abort uterine pregnancies."

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## Re: Ectopic Pregnancy

Using the Abortifacient Drug **Methotrexate** to "Treat" a Tubal Ectopic Pregnancy is a form of **Methotrexate "Abortion"**

The point in sending this information to you all is that there are **ethical** and **unethical** methods used to treat a tubal ectopic pregnancy.

The Standard of Care for a tubal ectopic pregnancy is first "Watchful Waiting" ( aka Expectant Management" - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ectopic\\_pregnancy#Expectant\\_management](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ectopic_pregnancy#Expectant_management) ).

If the tubal ectopic pregnancy does not resolve itself naturally, for example by migrating to the uterus, then **surgery (laparoscopic or laparotomy)** may be necessary.

However, by contrast, use (by injection) of the abortifacient drug **methotrexate** kills the baby. Use of the abortifacient **methotrexate** to "treat" a tubal ectopic pregnancy is therefore a form of **methotrexate "abortion"**.

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## Ectopic Pregnancy

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ectopic\\_pregnancy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ectopic_pregnancy)

"The use of the medication [methotrexate](#) works as well **[ sic ]** as surgery in some cases. Specifically it works well when the [beta-HCG](#) is low and the size of the ectopic is small. Surgery such as a [salpingectomy](#) is still typically recommended if the tube has ruptured, there is a fetal heartbeat, or the woman's [vital signs](#) are unstable. The surgery may be [laparoscopic](#) or through a larger incision, known as a [laparotomy](#). Maternal morbidity and mortality are reduced with treatment."

"If administered early in the pregnancy, **methotrexate terminates the growth of the developing embryo; this may cause an abortion**, or the developing embryo may then be either resorbed by the woman's body or pass with a [menstrual period](#)."

"In the [Catholic Church](#), there are **moral debates on certain treatments**. A significant number of Catholic moralists consider use of **methotrexate** and the salpingostomy procedure to be **not "morally permissible" because they destroy the embryo**; however, situations are considered differently in which the mother's health is endangered, and the whole fallopian tube with the developing embryo inside is removed."

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Note: Not all ectopic pregnancies are tubal ectopic pregnancies. Some ectopic pregnancies occur elsewhere, beside in the fallopian tubes.

**"Two percent of ectopic pregnancies occur in the ovary, cervix, or are intra-abdominal."**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ectopic\\_pregnancy#Classification](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ectopic_pregnancy#Classification)

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Video

**'Pro-Life Without Exception'**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zvazODITOBk>

Watch Dr. Patrick Johnston, D.O. [ now residing in North Carolina, vic. Concord, NE of Charlotte ]

Video: 40:15 to 44:45

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**God says,**

**"Thou shalt not kill (murder)."**

**Exodus 20:13, KJV**

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