

Medical science clearly shows that life begins at conception.

21 days – the heart begins to beat regularly and pumps through the circulatory system.



30 days – the eyes, ears, mouth, kidneys and liver exist.

42 days – brain waves are reliably present and reflexes exist.

45 days – teeth buds are present; skeleton is complete; movement begins.

56 days – all body systems are present; he reacts to pain.

9-10 weeks – he squints, retracts his tongue, and will bend his fingers around an object.

11-12 weeks – all body systems work; his arms and legs move; he swallows, sucks thumb, inhales and exhales amniotic fluid, and has fingernails.

14 weeks – the auditory sense is present.

16 weeks – eyelashes are present; he can grasp, swim, kick and turn.

18 weeks – his vocal cords work; he can cry.

20 weeks – hair appears; he weighs about one pound and is about 12 inches long.



Help is available.

If you are pregnant and in need of any kind of help you can call the toll-free numbers below to reach caring counselors who understand your situation.

Need a free pregnancy test? Call. A friendly counselor will help you get one in your local area.

Counselors are ready to help you understand *all* of your options and to help you locate food, money, shelter, and more in your local community.

If you just need someone to talk to, please call right now or talk to the person that handed you this brochure.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Pregnancy Hotline 1-800-848-5683

America's Crisis

Pregnancy Helpline 1-800-672-2296

Bethany

Christian Services 1-800-238-4269

Nurturing Network 1-800-866-4666

Care Net 1-800-395-4357

Birtheright 1-800-550-4900

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Before you choose...

Learn the facts of life.

Alone? Afraid?

Don't let your fear prevent you from getting all the facts before you make your decision. And don't let anyone pressure you into making a decision you'll regret.

What they don't tell you...

You may have been told that abortion is a "normal" medical procedure. What you haven't been told is that the procedure poses many physical and emotional risks to American women — sometimes even costing them their lives.

Surgical Risks

Although reliable abortion statistics are hard to obtain, the risks of health complications can be very high. According to one Harvard University Medical School study, the rate of complications in second-trimester abortions is "up to 50 percent and higher."

Breast Cancer Link

Many women are not aware of the link between abortion and breast cancer. Thirteen major studies in the U.S. and 27 worldwide show that women who have an abortion increase their risk for breast cancer.

Emotional Toll

The emotional effects of abortion are painful and enduring. One study of 500 women who had undergone an abortion reported that 43 percent demonstrated immediate negative responses. In a later review, that number increased to 50 percent. What's more, nearly 10 percent of the women studied were classified as having developed "serious psychiatric complications."

Many women are afraid to tell anyone about their pain because of the stigma of abortion. And so, they suffer alone.



An Unregulated Industry

The abortion industry in America is largely unregulated. That's because abortion is such a volatile political issue that legislators are leary of placing basic health regulations on clinics. As a result, practices that would never be tolerated in any other health care environment are "normal" in abortion clinics.

Many abortion clinics operate without any staff properly trained in CPR, and even without a trained anesthesiologist.

In addition, clinics have been known to store emergency medications past expiration dates and to leave sterile surgical supply items out.

Clinics that cater to the poor are particularly prone to bad conditions, because the poor and minorities are least likely to report problems.

Regulations on abortion clinics vary from state to state. And, although most states have regulations, they usually are not enforced consistently.

Make an Informed Choice

What You Should Know About the Risks Associated with Abortion.

- ❖ Hemorrhaging and bleeding.
- ❖ Death from any complications.
- ❖ Puncture and tearing of the uterus that must be repaired by surgery
- ❖ Infection that can be fatal.
- ❖ Surgeries may be required to repair damage done by doctors.
- ❖ There may be left-over "parts" from your baby that need to be removed.
- ❖ There is a 5% chance of cervical tearing.
- ❖ You may contract hepatitis from blood clots and transfusions.
- ❖ Sterility occurs in 2%-5% of abortions.
- ❖ Infertility also can occur because of damage done to the uterus.
- ❖ RU-486 has been known to cause many months of bleeding.

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