

## Types of Abortions

**Surgical Abortion** - There are two different types of surgical abortions. The two types are: machine vacuum aspiration and dilation and curettage. The machine vacuum aspiration uses suction through a small tube to empty the uterus of all tissue. Dilation and curettage uses a sharp instrument to clear the uterus.

**Medical Abortion** - Can only be performed early on in the pregnancy (no later than seven weeks since the start of your last menstrual period). A medical abortion includes taking a prescribed amount of drugs to abort the fetus. Most of this can be done at home.

### How Your Baby Grows...



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You will not have the financial burden of caring for a child.

You will not have to worry about finding a sitter, missing out on the fun with your friends and being tied down.

When you think of your baby, you will think of him or her as happy and loved by a mommy and daddy.

You will have precious memories of your baby's face, fingers, toes, eyes and smile.

You will know you gave the greatest gift of all - a child, to a couple whose hope and dream was a baby to love.

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There is no baby to think of; no smile, no little fingers or toes to remember. You have only the memory that you ended your baby's life. Instead of feeling good about how your pregnancy ended, you may feel sad and empty. But you can never go back and give that child life! The back of this card has questions and answers about adoption. Please take a moment to read them before you make the most important decision of your life. Decisions ... some are small and some are very big. Some don't affect your life at all. Others have consequences you must deal with the rest of your life.

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## What is Abortion?

Abortion is the termination of pregnancy and expulsion of an embryo or of a fetus that is incapable of survival. The approximate number of abortions performed worldwide is 46 million.

## Abortion Questions and Answers

### 1. When does the unborn baby's heart begin to beat?

The heartbeat begins between the eighteenth and twenty-fifth day.

### 2. When does the brain begin to function?

Electrical brain waves have been recorded as early as forty days.

### 3. How early can a baby survive outside the mother's womb?

Currently, twenty weeks is considered the accepted minimum. However, this time will be reduced as medical technology

### 4. What about cases of rape and incest?

Pregnancy from rape is extremely rare. A study of one thousand rape victims who were treated after the rape reported no pregnancies. There are no known studies of incest cases. Medically we know pregnancy in these cases would be rare. Rape and incest, as reasons for legalizing abortion, are nothing more than emotional screens behind which those profiting from abortion choose to hide.

### 5. But what about the child with disease who will die a slow death or live his life as a burden to his family?

Do you believe the new "ethic" should be that we kill the suffering or burdensome? Some of these cases are tragic, some are also inspirational. We cannot assume the responsibility for killing an unborn child simply because the child has not yet been seen in public. The child's place of residence does not change what abortion does - kill a human being.

### 6. How can a girl give up her own baby for adoption and go through life never knowing what is happening to her child?

Which is better to remember, "I gave my baby life. And because I loved him, I gave him into the arms of a loving couple" - or to remember, "I selfishly ended my baby's life?"

## Adoption or Abortion Decision of a Lifetime

Decisions ... some are small and some are very big. Some don't affect your life at all. Others have consequences you must deal with the rest of your life.

If you are pregnant and unmarried, you are faced with a big decision. "What am I going to do with the baby inside of me?" There are several options available, two of which are Adoption or Abortion. Let us compare the answers to questions regarding these two choices. In some ways the answers are very similar, but the difference is a matter of life and death.

Decision of a Lifetime Chart is on the next page. It compares adoption and abortion in numerous ways.

