

Frequently Asked Questions for Patients: Funding of Mifepristone/Misoprostol (Mifegymiso)

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Overview

This notice is to provide information to patients on government-funded mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso).

On August 10, 2017, Ontario began publicly funding the drug Mifegymiso (combination mifepristone/misoprostol).

1. What is this drug for?

Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso) is a combination of two drugs used to achieve a medical abortion of an early pregnancy with a gestational age up to 63 days or within 63 days of last menstrual period. This drug has been approved by Health Canada as a safe and effective alternative to a surgical abortion.

2. Who is the manufacturer of this drug?

Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso) is manufactured by Linepharma International Limited and distributed in Canada by Celopharma.

3. How can I get more information about this drug?

You can find out more about Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso) by talking to your health care provider.

4. When can I get Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso), and what do I need?

Public coverage began on **August 10, 2017** at no cost to you.

You must have your valid Ontario health card number and valid prescription with you when you go to the pharmacy.

Your healthcare provider will provide you with important information about this drug to make sure it is appropriate for you.

5. How can I get Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso)?

If you are prescribed Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso), you can get your prescription filled at your local pharmacy for free.

6. Can I get Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso) at any pharmacy?

The manufacturer has committed to distributing the drug both directly and through wholesalers to enable participating pharmacies to easily stock the medication. However, it is up to the pharmacies to decide whether they will stock and dispense the drug.

7. What if my pharmacist is not willing to dispense Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso) to me?

Pharmacists who have a religious or conscientious objection to Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso) are required to comply with any policies or other professional expectations set out by the Ontario College of Pharmacists (OCP), such as the [Code of Ethics](#) and [Professional Obligations when Declining to Provide a Pharmacy Product or Service due to Conscience or Religion Guideline](#). For more information you may contact the OCP by calling 416-847-8201 (toll-free: 1-800-220-1921).

8. What happens if I am in a hospital and require Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso)?

If you are admitted to a hospital as an in-patient and are prescribed mifepristone/misoprostol (mifegymiso) while in the hospital, the cost of Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso) will be covered by the hospital.

9. Where can I get more information?

For more information about coverage of Mifepristone/misoprostol (Mifegymiso), talk to your health care provider, call ServiceOntario, InfoLine at 1-866-532-3161 (Toll-Free), or email your question(s) to PublicDrugPrgrms.moh@ontario.ca.