

Webcam Abortion Factsheet

Ban on Webcam Abortion – 2015 AR General Assembly

What Is It?

- Webcam Abortion is a chemical/medical (non-surgical) abortion administered via an internet camera connection.
- The medical abortion (RU486) uses a drug cocktail of 2 different drugs: mifepristone & misoprostol.
- Medical abortion is effective up to 9 weeks in the First Trimester.
- Adverse side effects include nausea, vomiting, severe stomach pain and bleeding, infection, uterine perforation and uterine rupture.
- The failure rate is between 4-16%.

How Does It Work?

- A woman goes to a Planned Parenthood site where there is no doctor physically present.
- She consults with a doctor via the webcam connection.
- The doctor remotely activates a drawer that opens and provides the woman with two bottles of abortion drugs. The first drug, which kills the unborn child, is taken immediately, within 48 hours the other pills are taken that will expel the dead baby.

Why Should We Ban It In Arkansas?

- Webcam abortion endangers pregnant women. There is no physical examination or consultation by the doctor to rule out life-threatening risks such as ectopic pregnancy.
- There is no follow-up care for complications. The doctor may be hundreds of miles away in another city or state. A local doctor or hospital will be responsible for treatment and to perform a surgical abortion when the chemical abortion fails.
- Webcam abortion not only results in the death of an unborn child, but is extremely painful both physically and emotionally for the mother. The woman/girl is forced to deal with the body of her dead unborn baby on her own.
- There have been eight reported deaths in the U.S. linked to the use of mifepristone.
- Seventeen (17) states have enacted laws requiring abortionist to be physically present to administer a medical abortion.