

# Misoprostil Therapy For Early Failed Pregnancy

Today we have given you 4 tablets (800 mcg) of Misoprostil. This medication may have been inserted by your doctor or midwife in the office, or you may choose to take the medication home to insert at your convenience. This medication is only to be inserted in the vagina. **DO NOT TAKE IT BY MOUTH.**

If you plan to insert the medication yourself, you should place all 4 tablets inside the leaflets of the tip of a Playtex plastic tampon applicator and then insert the tampon as you would normally. Leave the tampon in place for 2 hours, or until cramping occurs.

Expect to start bleeding within several hours of inserting the tampon, and that the bleeding will be heavier than a typical period, and may be associated with moderately severe cramping. You may also pass some clots and/or tissue. It is best to switch to sanitary pads rather than tampons after the heavier bleeding begins.

Some patients will also have nausea, vomiting and diarrhea and may run a low-grade fever (less than 101°F).

You may use Advil, Aleve or Motrin as directed, or you may take the narcotic pain reliever we prescribed for cramping. **It is more effective to take the pain medicine at the onset of cramping rather than waiting until pain becomes intense.**

If you have had bleeding, we will want to **see you in the office within 2 days** to perform an ultrasound to ensure that the pregnancy has been completely expelled.

If you do not have bleeding after using the Misoprostil, you should **repeat the tampon and 4 tablet process \_\_\_\_\_ hours later.**

If at any time your bleeding becomes so heavy that you are soaking towels or becoming faint, or are running a temperature of 101°F or higher, please call our office and we will plan to have you evaluated in the office or emergency room—whichever is more appropriate.

If your blood type is Rh negative, you will need to be given an injection of Rhogam (we may have done this today before beginning the Misoprostil therapy).

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us at **(352) 332-7222** or **333-5555**.