

Improving the journey through medical abortion.

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Wonderful to be back in Portugal! The abortion ship visited Portugal in 2004. Abortion is legal since 2007!



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It's not over yet: Poland's abortion row explained



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Poland's leading party announced on Wednesday that it would continue efforts to ban abortion completely in the country, despite a widespread backlash from the public and U-turn on the matter in parliament.



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Women on Web, a telemedical abortion service was launched in 2006

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I need an abortion

Do you have an unwanted pregnancy? This online medical abortion service helps women gain access to a safe abortion with pills in order to reduce the number of deaths due to unsafe abortions. [Read more](#)



I had an abortion

Every year 42 million women have an abortion. Show your face, share your story, donate your money and help women around the world get access to safe abortions. [Read more](#)



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Impact of 10 years Women on Web:

The website has now more than 1 million visitors each month.

The website has answered approximately half a million help emails from women all over the world in 17 languages

Approximately 50,000 women have received a safe medical abortion through telemedicine

Many more women have received information about local available services and help options

The scientific publications about the service are frequently quoted in other scientific publications and influenced guidelines

It inspired other online abortion services as this is now a accepted abortion service alternative



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Women risk health by using abortion websites

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Abortion pills: Everything you need to know

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Where can you get the abortion pill?

In England, Scotland and Wales, women can access abortions through NHS services and clinics.

In Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, women have limited access to abortions, which must be carried out in a hospital or a specialist licensed clinic. It means many women travel to parts of the UK where it is more easily accessible, or use sites such as Women on Web - a Netherlands-based website that sells mifepristone and misoprostol - to buy pills.

Scientific research about the Women on Web services shows that medical abortion can be safely and effectively provided to women themselves through telemedicine. Surgical intervention rates after the medical abortion provided via telemedicine reflect local medical practices. The risk of surgical intervention and ongoing pregnancy after home medical abortion only tends to increase after 12 weeks of pregnancy. **We continue analyzing this unique database with information about women from around the world seeking safe abortion care since 10 years.**

Using telemedicine for termination of pregnancy with mifepristone and misoprostol in settings where there is no access to safe services

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Regional differences in surgical intervention following medical termination of pregnancy provided by telemedicine

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Abstract

Objective. To assess regional differences in surgical intervention rates after home medical termination of pregnancy (TM) by telemedicine in countries where women can provide an abortion through Women on Web (WoW). Design. Cohort study. Setting. Home with an internet program for telemedicine. Sample. Women who used the telemedicine service of Women on Web between February 2017 and September 2018 and provided follow-up information. Results. Women who used telemedicine had a lower risk of surgical intervention (OR 0.28, 95% CI 0.17-0.46) compared to women who used the telemedicine service of Women on Web between February 2017 and September 2018. Women who used telemedicine had a higher risk of ongoing pregnancy (OR 1.12, 95% CI 1.01-1.24) compared to women who used the telemedicine service of Women on Web between February 2017 and September 2018. Women who used telemedicine had a higher risk of ongoing pregnancy (OR 1.12, 95% CI 1.01-1.24) compared to women who used the telemedicine service of Women on Web between February 2017 and September 2018.

The research supported the initiation of telemedical abortion services in Australia and the USA.

Abortion without the clinic on offer with revolutionary new US program

A pilot study in New York, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington will allow women to receive abortion-inducing drugs through the mail and be crisscrossed by video.

Abortion pill RU486 to be available to Australian women over the phone

For \$350, women in some states will be able to arrange an abortion over the phone, booking ultrasounds and blood tests and ordering the pill to be delivered.

A groundbreaking new experiment is launching in four states that could make abortion dramatically more accessible by allowing women to obtain abortion-inducing drugs through the mail.

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The studies are used to support courtcases and legal change

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

Zika emergency pushes women to challenge Brazil's abortion law

Women's groups are set to challenge the law in the hope of making termination possible for women at risk of delivering a child born with Zika-related defects.

Requests for Abortion in Latin America Related to Concern about Zika Virus Exposure

On November 17, 2015, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) issued an epidemiologic alert regarding Zika virus in Latin America. Several countries subsequently issued health advisories, including cautions about microcephaly, declarations of national emergencies, and unprecedented warnings urging women to avoid pregnancy. Yet in most Latin American countries, abortion is illegal or highly restricted, leaving pregnant women with few options.

For several years, one such option for women in Latin America has been Women on Web (WoW), a nonprofit organization that provides access to abortion medications (mifepristone and misoprostol) outside the formal health care setting through online telemedicine in countries where safe abortion is not universally available. We analyzed data with respect to requests for abortion through WoW between January 1, 2015, and March 2, 2016, in 19 Latin American countries. Using a regression-discontinuity design, we assessed whether requests for abortion increased after the PAHO alert.

Women's groups in Brazil are set to challenge the abortion law this summer in the hope of making a safe and legal termination possible for women at risk of delivering a baby born with defects after exposure to the Zika virus.

"Women should be able to decide and have the means to terminate pregnancies because they are facing serious risks of having babies with microcephaly and also suffering huge mental distress during their pregnancies. They should not be forced to carry on their pregnancies under the circumstances," said Beatriz Galli, a lawyer on bioethics and human rights who works for Ipas, a group dedicated to "WoW."

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The WoW website is blocked by some governments for example Saudi Arabia censored Women on Web since September 2015

Region	Acquisition		Region	Acquisition	
	Sessions	% of Total		Sessions	% of Total
	2,445	0.28%		221	0.02%
	(951,730)			(905,517)	
1. Makkah Province	1,283	(52.47%)	1. Makkah Province	118	(53.39%)
2. Riyadh Province	978	(40.00%)	2. Riyadh Province	74	(33.48%)
3. Eastern Province	147	(6.01%)	3. Eastern Province	28	(12.67%)
4. Al Madinah Province	25	(1.02%)	4. (not set)	1	(0.45%)
5. Aseer Province	6	(0.25%)			
6. Tabuk Province	3	(0.12%)			
7. (not set)	2	(0.08%)			
8. Al Bahah Province	1	(0.04%)			

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Court cases against women using abortion pills might cause fear and stop women from looking for help in case of complication

Lei portuguesa salva Adelaide Ferreira

Filha menor de Adelaide Ferreira está internada por aborto no Brasil

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Northern Ireland: women are prosecuted and sentenced, 2 more cases against women are to be heard by the Court

Northern Irish woman given suspended sentence over self-induced abortion

Womans (sic) informant contacted police eight days after she induced miscarriage using drugs bought online.



By Alan Erwin PUBLISHED 19/06/2017

Belfast woman will go on trial for helping her daughter to have a medical abortion

A Belfast woman who bought pills over the internet to induce an abortion has been given a suspended prison sentence.

The 21 year old pleaded guilty to procuring her own abortion by using a poison, and of supplying a poison with intent to procure a miscarriage, and was given a three month sentence suspended for one year.

Her barrister told Belfast crown court on Monday that if his client had lived anywhere else in the UK, she would "not have found herself before the courts".



The abortion drug Mifegyne

A Belfast woman is to stand trial accused of supplying poison for her daughter to have a miscarriage.

Answer to the question: Did the illegality of your abortion affect your feelings?

It made it very difficult to source information (some organisations in Ireland won't give details of reputable UK clinics) I feel that my country has really let me down, in this case where there are so many complications, but they couldn't provide an abortion.

I was worried the package wouldn't get to me, I was also worried that if I got caught I would be in trouble it made me feel like unless I broke the law I was trapped.

It made me incredibly angry at the laws of my own country. I am ashamed to be from a country with such a backward approach to issues like this.

It made it much more difficult practically. It also added immensely to my paranoia that people would somehow find out I was pregnant and I would be prevented from accessing a safe abortion.

I felt hopeless and alone and that I had to hide what I was about to do. On top of all the difficult feelings in deciding to have an abortion, feeling like a criminal is awful. I was terrified I would get caught.

It really annoys me in this day and age in a civilised modern country that abortion is still illegal. It's my body and my choice, not the church's or some outdated law.

Yes it makes things a bit more difficult to get support and advice. It made me scared that I could get caught.

It just made it more stressful.

The illegality showed me that there is something wrong with the legal system.



Customs stop packages in some countries like Brazil, Philippines, Ireland

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Customs seized 1,017 abortion pills last year

Ruth Coppinger wants the State to stop confiscating the tablets.

ANTI-AUSTERITY ALLIANCE TD Ruth Coppinger has called on customs to stop intercepting the delivery of abortion pills bound for Ireland.




And even women in countries where abortion should be available cannot access abortion services

I've just found out I'm pregnant and I can't keep the baby, can you tell me if I can get the tablets from you please. I am in the UK but it's impossible for me to get to a clinic due to having a disabled daughter who I can't leave and I have no one else at all I can trust. I'm in a complete mess. Chris said I have to leave my daughter at home but I have no one else at all to have her due to her disabilities a nursery can't have her. I'm 1 week late, I'm in good health and have no allergies or medical conditions. Please I'm really desperate for help.

I have visited my GP last weekend here and referred me to my local NHS service. They can only offer me a medical abortion with three visits to the hospital on separate days. On the second visit I am expected to stay there all day. I work full time and have two young sons so getting all that time off and driving is going to be very difficult probably impossible.

I live in South Yorkshire and have no friends and the relatives I have I cannot see. I was hoping to have a termination in the comfort of my own home without judgmental eyes and without worrying about my husband knowing. I fear what would happen if he did. I have children and my 3rd is 11 months old I considered an abortion when he was conceived and had a terrible pregnancy and still suffering from postnatal depression. I will try to seek help, anonymously if possible I'm in great need of help.

I'm a young student and I want to have an abortion because I don't have the financial resources to bring up a child and I'm already drowning in student loans also I don't feel ready for the responsibility of raising (and I want to finish my studies. I live in United Kingdom. Now abortion is legal there, but because I'm a student I can't afford the cost of the procedure and the place online for supported abortions is just too long and not guaranteed. I feel absolutely horrible and desperate and www.womenonweb.org seems to be the only place that could help me now. I can't and I gather up the money for donation of your site. I just need to know if you could help me, please.



How can we really improve the journey through medical abortion for all women?

Only when abortion is legal and truly accessible

We have to continue to work to legalize abortion and make (medical) abortion truly accessible everywhere.



Actions to break the taboo surrounding abortion

- Increase awareness about medical abortion
- Increase access to information and the medicines
- Pressure governments to make (medical) abortion widely available and not just in special licenced clinics or hospitals (WoW just started a court case against the Dutch Government to make medical abortion accessible through general physicians)



Actions to increase awareness about medical abortion

Activists import abortion pills by train

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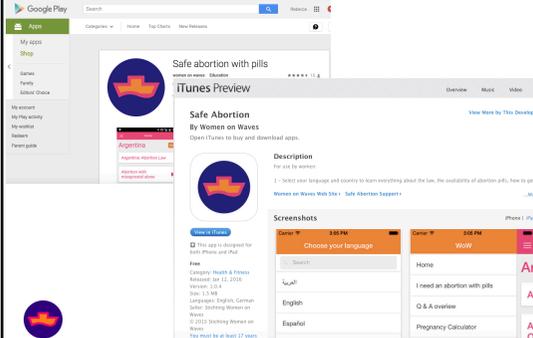


The pills were ordered online and delivered to addresses in Northern Ireland

A group of around 30 activists have imported unauthorised abortion pills on a train from Belfast to Dublin.

Socialist TD Ruth Coppinger said they brought back the pills to highlight Ireland's continued ban on abortion and to call for a repeal of the eighth amendment of the

The Safe Abortion App to increase information and surpass censorship



Safe abortion with pills

Safe Abortion
By Women on Waves

Open iTunes to buy and download apps.

Description
For use by women:

- Select your language and country to learn everything about the law, the availability of abortion pills, how to get

Women on Waves Web Site • Safe Abortion Support

Screenshots

Choose your language

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Abortion Drones: action to break the taboos surrounding abortion



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To be continued: New abortion ships campaigns



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Request for help!

- We need European doctors who are willing to prescribe misoprostol for women from countries where abortion is not available (doctors have to be allowed to do this by the laws in their countries mostly from Austria)
- We need volunteers living in Europe who are willing to obtain the medicines through local pharmacies here in Europe and send it to Brazil, Philippines and other places where customs are stopping the packages.

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