

# Abortion Services in Vancouver

## HOW ARE ABORTIONS DONE?

There are two different types of abortions: Medical and Surgical.

### Medical Abortion

- Special medications (hormones) are given to end the pregnancy. This process will take more than one visit to a clinic
- Pregnancy must be **less than 10 weeks** from the last period

### Surgical Abortion

- The abortion is completed after one visit to a clinic
- In British Columbia surgical abortions are done between 5 and 24 weeks of pregnancy

Talk to your health care provider for more information about what type of abortion is best for you.

## HOW MUCH DOES AN ABORTION COST?

- The cost of abortion is covered by the BC Medical Plan, and will not show up on MSP statements
- Even if you are covered by the BC Medical Plan, medical abortion will cost \$25 for medication
- Costs can vary for out province (Canadian) coverage and may need to be paid upfront. Check clinic websites for fees
- If you are not covered by the BC Medical Plan, abortion will cost \$500-\$725 depending on the procedure

All clinics accept Cash, Debit, Visa, and Mastercard

## WHERE CAN I GET AN ABORTION?

There are four abortion clinics in Vancouver. These clinics take many precautions to secure your safety, privacy and comfort. In addition to the abortion, all of the clinics offer the following services:

- Counseling before and after the abortion
- Birth control counseling and prescriptions (the clinic may also sell birth control for a low cost)
- IUD insertion and follow up
- Sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing
- Care after the abortion

## WHAT IF I AM OVER 24 WEEKS PREGNANT?

If your pregnancy is over 24 weeks you need to see a health care provider about your options. You may be required to travel to the USA.

## DO I NEED A REFERRAL?

You do not need a referral from a doctor. You can contact any of the clinics directly and make an appointment yourself. It may take a few weeks for your appointment time.

## HOW DO I MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?

Call any of these or go online for more information:

### **C.A.R.E. Program**

BC Women's Health Centre  
4500 Oak Street, Vancouver  
Tel: 604-875-2022 Fax: 604-875-3274  
[www.bcwomens.ca/care](http://www.bcwomens.ca/care)  
Appointment booking online or by phone  
**Surgical abortion only**  
**Timeline: 7–24 weeks pregnant**

### **Everywoman's Health Centre**

# 210 – 2525 Commercial Drive, Vancouver  
Tel: 604-322-6692 Fax: 604-322-6632  
[www.everywomanshealthcentre.ca](http://www.everywomanshealthcentre.ca)  
Appointment booking by phone  
**Surgical & medical abortion**  
**Timeline: 5–13 weeks**

### **Elizabeth Bagshaw Women's Clinic**

# 200 – 1177 West Broadway, Vancouver  
Tel: 604-736-7878 Fax: 604-736-8081  
[www.ebwc.ca](http://www.ebwc.ca)  
Appointment booking online or by phone  
**Surgical & medical abortion**  
**Timeline: 5–16 weeks**

### **Willow Women's Clinic**

1013-750 W Broadway, Vancouver  
Tel: 604-709-5611 Fax: 604-873-8304  
24 hour info line: 604-874-9897  
[www.willowclinic.ca](http://www.willowclinic.ca)  
Appointment booking by phone  
**Medical abortion only**  
**Timeline: Less than 10 weeks pregnant**

## QUESTIONS

If you have questions or would like support with decision making contact:

- **Pregnancy Options Line: 604-875-3163**  
Please leave a message and your call will be returned within 24 hours.

Youth clinic hours may change.

Find the youth clinic closest to you at  
**[www.vch.ca/youthclinics](http://www.vch.ca/youthclinics)**

Visit our websites:

- **[www.vch.ca/youthclinics](http://www.vch.ca/youthclinics)**
- **[www.optionsforsexualhealth.org](http://www.optionsforsexualhealth.org)**

**Sex Sense Line: 1-800-739-7367 or 604-731-7803**



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