Abortion Services in Vancouver

Abortion is a medical procedure and an essential part of health care in BC. A safe abortion is a medical right in BC. You don’t need a referral from a health care provider or parental consent to have an abortion.

HOW ARE ABORTIONS DONE?
There are two different types of abortions: Medical and Aspiration (Surgical).

Medical Abortion
• Medications 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.

Aspiration (Surgical) Abortion
• The abortion is completed after one visit to a clinic.
• Surgical abortion ends a pregnancy by removing the contents of the uterus.
• In British Columbia surgical abortions are done between 5 and 24 weeks of pregnancy. Please refer to clinic of choice for timelines.

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.
• If you are covered by the BC Medical Plan, there is no cost 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
• IUD insertion and follow up
• Sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing
• Care after the abortion
• Medications to end a pregnancy are available at a Pharmacy with a prescription from a Physician or Nurse Practitioner

WHAT IF I AM OVER 24 WEEKS PREGNANT?
If your pregnancy is over 24 weeks, contact the Pregnancy Options Service (POS) line to access information about your options. If you are a BC resident, there is a possibility of termination until 27 weeks depending on hospital capacity. You may also have the option of traveling to the USA for abortion care.

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?
Contact any of the clinics below or visit their websites for more information:

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<td>200 - 1177 West Broadway, Vancouver</td>
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<td>4500 Oak Street, Vancouver</td>
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<td>Tel: 604-875-2022 Fax: 604-875-3274</td>
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<td># 210 - 2525 Commercial Drive, Vancouver</td>
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QUESTIONS
If you have questions or would like support with decision making, contact:

**Pregnancy Options Line**
Tel: 604-875-3163 or 1-888-875-3163
Please leave a message and your call will be returned within 24 hours.

**Additional Abortion information**
www.healthlinkbc.ca/pregnancy-parenting/planning-your-pregnancy/ending-pregnancy/abortion

Find the youth clinic closest to you by visiting:
www.vch.ca/en/service/youth-clinics
Youth clinic hours may change

For further information visit:
optionsforsexualhealth.org/facts/abortion
Sex Sense Line: 1-800-739-7367 or 604-731-7803

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