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Behind THE PILL



THE HIDDEN DANGERS TO WOMEN'S HEALTH

The Ethics & Public Policy Center (EPPC) has released a groundbreaking new report that's being ignored by the media—but it shouldn't be. Titled *The Abortion Pill Harms Women*, this is the largest study of its kind on the abortion pill, and its findings should concern every woman, every family, and every policymaker in America.

Using data from insurance claims spanning 2017 to 2023, this extensive study reveals that chemical abortions are **22 times more dangerous** than previously claimed by the FDA. That's right—**22 times**. Women have been misled for years, and the truth is only now beginning to surface.

The FDA, which is supposed to protect public health, **has failed us**. It has misrepresented the safety of abortion pills—specifically the first of two abortion pills, mifepristone—which has been marketed as a convenient, safe, and effective solution to an unexpected pregnancy. Some have even gone so far as to compare it to taking Tylenol. But that comparison couldn't be further from the truth.

According to the report, 1 in 10 women who undergo a chemical abortion experiences a serious adverse event within 45 days—including hemorrhage, infection, sepsis, and other life-threatening complications. The unborn child is always the primary victim in any abortion, but the mothers are being deeply harmed as well, not just physically, but emotionally and psychologically.



CONTINUED - BEHIND THE PILL & LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Adding to this alarming picture, the FDA deregulated mifepristone in 2020, allowing abortion pills to be ordered online **without any in-person medical oversight**. Today, with a simple click, these pills can be, and are being, delivered through the mail, even to states like South Dakota where abortion is illegal. Some websites offer abortion pills that can be obtained for free, without a prescription, and even by individuals who are **not** pregnant. *No doctor. No screening. No accountability.*

This is not “healthcare.” This is a system where all safety standards have been removed in the name of so-called access. Yet the abortion industry wants us to believe they care about women’s health?

If we truly care about women, we must demand informed consent. Every woman deserves an ultrasound before considering abortion to verify gestational age and confirm a viable pregnancy. No one should take these pills without a full understanding of the risks.

WHAT *You* CAN DO

LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Supporters of LIFE,

To protect women and stop the reckless mailing of abortion pills, you can make your voice heard:

1

Find Your State Representative
For SD, scan the QR code to locate contact information for your representative.



2

State your concerns about the mailing of abortion pills. Explain why it’s dangerous—citing the new EPPC study, safety risks, and lack of medical oversight.

3

Encourage legal action that holds websites accountable for mailing the abortion pills to states where abortion is illegal.



Now more than ever, truth must rise above politics. The safety and dignity of women—and the lives of the unborn—depend on it.

Please take a stand. Share this article. Contact your representative. Speak the truth. Let’s put women’s health, and human life, as a real priority.

For HIS Unborn,

Leslee Unruh
Alpha Center Founder

Chosen & Cherished

ALPHA CENTER ANNUAL DINNER

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WHAT AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT! We had the incredible privilege of connecting with over 1,100 of our amazing ministry partners at our Chosen & Cherished Dinner. For some it was our first time meeting, and others have been alongside us for an awe-inspiring 40+ years! We hope the powerful testimonies of Alpha Babies, past and present, spoke to your heart and ignited a renewed passion for the work we're all doing together.

Our staff, volunteers, and board members prayed that this evening would be a truly meaningful and uplifting experience for each of you. The event also gave us the chance to share the exciting vision of Alpha Center. We're so grateful for the opportunity to join forces with you all in this mission to support women and men facing unexpected pregnancies. We believe that, through our shared commitment, we'll continue to accomplish the incredible work God has entrusted to us.



IF YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO JOIN US, DON'T WORRY! WE'D LOVE TO SEND YOU THE LINK TO WATCH CHOSEN & CHERISHED: ALPHA BABIES PAST & PRESENT. EMAIL US AT [INFO@ALPHACENTER.ORG](mailto:info@alphacenter.org) OR CALL 605-361-3500. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO EXPERIENCE THIS NIGHT!



CASE STUDY:

CHEMICAL ABORTION AFTERCARE AND INTERVENTION

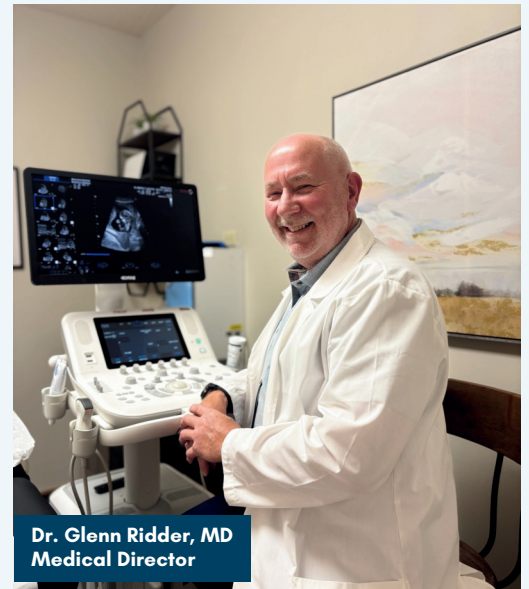
CHEMICAL ABORTION IS NOW THE MOST COMMON FORM OF ABORTION, MAKING THE SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY ALPHA CENTER—ESPECIALLY ABORTION AFTERCARE—MORE ESSENTIAL THAN EVER.

We desire that every woman who walks through our doors knows we care not only about her baby, but that we care deeply about her as well.

The chemical abortion process is designed to hide adverse outcomes and discourage patient follow-up. The abortion industry has never been centered on a woman's well-being. **Alpha Center stands in that gap.**

Over the past year, Alpha Center has offered critical support to several young women facing the physical and emotional aftermath of chemical abortions, many of which were initiated through unregulated online sources. In search of privacy or immediate access, many of these women unknowingly bypassed *essential* standard medical evaluations such as: ultrasounds, STD testing, Rh factor assessments, and consultations with medical professionals. Left in the dark, they followed instructions from websites that failed to offer adequate screening, factual information or follow-up care.

Each of these clients began the abortion process after finding pills online. Without medical oversight, they followed generic instructions—often taking repeated or excessive doses of misoprostol, the second abortion drug, when expected symptoms did not occur. The result was a range of complications: hemorrhaging, prolonged bleeding, and uncertainty about whether the abortion had been completed.



Dr. Glenn Ridder, MD
Medical Director

In their moments of need, these women turned to Alpha Center.

One client contacted us after weeks of positive pregnancy tests after taking the abortion pills. An ultrasound revealed an incomplete abortion, and she was referred to an OB/GYN for continued care. Another client, scared and hemorrhaging, came to Alpha Center where I offered urgent guidance. She was quickly directed to emergency services and then to primary care for follow-up. A third young woman, initially resolved to end her pregnancy, returned weeks later still experiencing physical symptoms and emotional distress. A follow-up ultrasound revealed an incomplete abortion, prompting further care and monitoring.

Lastly, a family member of a young woman reached out to us seeking help. A child was aborted with the abortion pills at 12 weeks of life. The woman had become fixated on the child and did not know what to do with the remains. We were able to direct the family to a funeral home to offer dignity and closure for the child and family.

In each of these cases, these women experienced their abortions not just for a few days, but for weeks, and even months. Women deserve better. Alpha Center was a consistent and compassionate presence for them. We provided timely ultrasounds, post-abortion recovery assessments, accurate medical information, and trusted referrals. But more than that, we offered emotional support, kindly inviting each woman into our After Abortion Care program as a path toward healing.

These stories underline a growing and urgent need: safe, informed, and compassionate care in the wake of chemical abortion. Alpha Center plays an irreplaceable role in advocating for a woman's whole-person well-being—physically, emotionally, and spiritually—during some of the most vulnerable moments of her life.

In **John 8**, we see the account of a woman caught in adultery, cast at Jesus' feet, but not condemned by Him. It is a powerful image of wisdom and grace. At Alpha Center, we encounter women in similar situations—this time in the context of abortion. We are called to respond just as Christ did: *with truth, with compassion, and with grace*. We meet her physical and emotional needs, and we gently lead her towards Him. Thank you for joining us in this critical mission.



Dr. Glenn Ridder, MD

INSIDE ONLINE PILL PURCHASES

NO MEDICAL OVERSIGHT

- ⊗ No ultrasound to confirm gestational age or ectopic pregnancy
- ⊗ No STD screening
- ⊗ No Rh factor testing
- ⊗ No Follow-up care

UNREGULATED WEBSITES

Pills may be:

- ⊗ Expired
- ⊗ Fake or mislabeled
- ⊗ Incorrect dosages

WHAT THEY'RE POSTING: ABORTION PILL SOCIAL MEDIA

- 👤 Abortion Pills Mailed To Every State
- 👤 Borders Are Imaginary
- 👤 Laws Are Arbitrary
- 👤 Become Un-Governable
- 👤 Order Pills Without A Doctor
- 👤 Yes, You Can Order For Future Use

ACCESS & PRIVACY SHOULD NEVER
COME AT THE COST OF SAFETY

GIFTS GIVEN

MINISTRY PARTNER

IN MEMORY OF

CAROL BAILEY	BOB & GLORIA EVEN
ALAN & AVIS BAKKER	EZRA BAKKER
BECKY & AUSTIN BERWALD	JAXSON BERWALD
DWIGHT BEUKELMAN	LILLIAN BEUKELMAN
MARK & BRENDA BLANKESPOOR	GLENN KOOIMAN & JANICE BLANKESPOOR
DAVID & NANCY BOGENHAGEN	ANNA MARIE CAHOY
ELAINE BOLKEMA	LEROY BOLKEMA
TRUDY BOUMA	LEONARD BOUMA
DONALD & HELEN BRANDS	ART MOSS, WILLIAM BRANDS, HARRIET MOSS & EFFIE BRANDS
REV. GEORGE & MARY CLAUSEN	EVELYN ALDORFER, CLARE CLAUSEN, WILLIAM ALDORFER & EHLER CLAUSEN
CHRISTINA & CHAD DAVID	MARY LOU KUNNARI
DARLENE DELKER	JERRY DELKER
DENNIS & SHARON DEN HARTOG	JEANETTE ROETMAN
STEVEN & JANE DEROO	MARCIA LAWRENCE
FRED & JOAN DEROUCHHEY	DELORES DEROUCHHEY & FRANCES VAN WELL BACHMAN
BRENDA DREFS	HELEN GEIDEL
LONA EDMUNDSON	ALICE ANN STANGE & PAUL EDMUNDSON
SHIRLEY ERICKSON	ALICE ANN STANGE
WAYNE & JUDITH FAUTH	VAL SCHWADERER, KAREN KAUFMAN & SANDRA BAIER
JANE FISCHER	HULDA FISCHER
FLORENCE FRERICKS	SALLY HANSON
ROGER GRIMSRUD	OLIVE GRIMSRUD
VERN & ARLENE HAASE	CORRINE KUBAL
LOUIS & BECKY HALL	VERONICA NIEHAUS
TAMI & GREG HANNESTAD	NORMA JEAN VELDBOOM
DOUG & LOUISE HANSON	SALLY HANSON
DR. LESLIE & LISBETH HEINEMANN	ESTHER, MABEL & KATHLEEN
RANDY & DONNA HOLMAN	CAROL MOECKLY
FANNIE JANSSEN	HERMINA MOLENGRAAF & ADY WALBURG
JANICE JERKE	JIM MUELLER & LORENE WEIDENBACH
WAYNE KAUFMAN	MY WIFE KAREN
CAROL KELDERMAN	HERMINA VAN MEETEREN, ARNOLD KELDERMAN, ARTHUR KELDERMAN & JOHN VANMEETEREN

GIFTS RECEIVED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 27, 2025 AND JUNE 16, 2025.

JAMES & LORI KELLER	OLIVE GRIMSRUD
VERNON & LORETTA KRAFT	SANDRA KAY BAIER
CAROLYN KROEKER	LORRAINE KROEKER & SUZANNE HOFER
DAVID & KAY KROESE	JOYCE WYNIA VANDER WELL, LAVONNE KROESE, PIER W. WYNIA & HILMORE KROESE
SARAH & DALE LARSEN	HELEN GEIDEL
CAROL & CLYDE LEMS	HARRIET VAN ENGEN
ROBERT & JEAN LIPETZKY	MARYELLEN MELANSON
ALLEN LUDENS	EVA LUDENS
ALAN & LINDA MARTINSON	LILLIAN BEUKELMAN
DENISE & DWIGHT MELIUS	CLAIRE MELIUS, ROSEMARIE MELIUS, JERRY MARKOVETZ, GLENN BODE & DONALD NEISES
CAROL & TOM MILLER	THOMAS MILLER
KIRK MOECKLY	CAROL MOECKLY
PAMELA MYERS	CAROL MYERS (MY MOM IN HEAVEN)
CHERYL NELSON	JESSIE NELSON & LOIS EGGERS
LARRY & SUSAN OLSON	JERRY MARKOVETZ, LAVONNE OLSON
KENNETH & MARIANNE PETERS	ELMER KELLER & JACKIE BURKE
MEL & KAREN POOLEY	HELEN GEIDEL
RICK RAUSCH	CARMEN RAUSCH
JOHN & KAREN RUST	EDWINA RUST & KLAAS VOSS
PAUL & BARRIE SCHANK	ALEXIS JORGES & CECILIA
ARLAN & MARCIA SCHOLTEN	ESTHER SCHOLTEN & GERRIT PENNINGNS
ELLEN T. SCHOLTEN	JOHN GABRIEL & MICHAEL JUDE
RANDY & LAURA SIMONS	JOSEPH PATRICK SCHONHARDT
MARK & BARBARA SIVERTSON	ALICE ANN STANGE
HELEN SOODSMA	PETE SOODSMA
REV. KENNETH & BEVERLY SOYK	SUSAN SNUGGERUD, CARL REICHERT, HELEN GEIDEL & DAVID SCHEETZ
GLORIA STORM	HELEN GEIDEL
RANDY & CARLA SYBESMA	ALTHA VANDER WEY
NORMAN & SHERRY VAN RAVENSWAAY	HELEN VAN RAVENSWAAY
ORVILLE & ARLENE VAN'T HUL	DANIEL GENE VAN'T HUL
MARK & DEB VANT HUL	CHARLES VAANDRAGER & HARLAN VANT HUL
LARRY & MARY LOU WIELENGA	PETE SOODSMA
PAUL & LESLYE ANN WIPF	MARY LOU KUNNARI
IRENE ZWAGERMAN	LILLIAN BEUKELMAN

MINISTRY PARTNER

IN HONOR OF

MARJ ANDERSON	MONICA SPOERER, REBECCA MIKEL, TERESA DECKERT, MARILYN MENDENHALL, CURT KRUMBACH, TRACY DECKERT, JEFF MIKEL & DEVIN SPOERER
TERRY & VALERIE AUGSPURGER	TRENT AUGSPURGER
TINA & ALLEN BAERG	HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
MARK & BRENDA BLANKESPOOR	GILBERT BLANKESPOOR, ETHAN BLANKESPOOR, ELLIOT BLANKESPOOR, THOMAS BLANKESPOOR, HARRIET KOOIMAN, ASHELY BLANKESPOOR, ALYSSA BLANKESPOOR & HALEY BLANKESPOOR
JOY & MARION BLOM	MARION BLOM'S 60TH BIRTHDAY
DONALD & HELEN BRANDS	DON BRANDS, DAN BRANDS, DOUG BRANDS, CHELLY BRANDS, JENNIFER BRANDS & MELISSA BRANDS
DANIELLE & RYAN BROUWER	DANIELLE, RYAN, & ANNISTON'S BIRTHDAYS
DONALD & DEBRA BURMEISTER	DEBRA BURMEISTER
MARY CHRISTENSEN	JIM & DONZNA CANNON
SHAWN COSTELLO	BRENDA VEHLE'S BIRTHDAY
VINCENT & TWILA DE GROOT	JOAN DEGROOT
GRANT & LINDA DIEKEVERS	JOAN RENS KROESE
DANIEL & ANGELA DIGATONO	BETTY BARRETT
DAVID & MONA GEIDEL	MONA GEIDEL
JUDY & JOE GLANZER	GRANDCHILDREN & GREAT-GRANDCHILD
DANIEL T. & SUSAN HAGGAR	SUE HAGGAR
EUGENE HEINZ	CHRISTINE VELDHUIZEN
DONALD & JOYCE HELBERG	MOTHERS
HILDA HOLTROP	MY CHILDREN
EMILY & CHRIS HUBERS	SHARON AMDAHL & LISA HUBERS
JANICE JERKE	KRIS JERKE
SHARON JOHNSON	PAM KRUSCHKE
PATTI JOHNSON	EVELYN & GIANNA FRANCO
WAYNE KAUFMAN	MY FRIENDS VERN & LORETTA KRAFT
CAROL KELDERMAN	ARIC, SCOTT, ROSS, BEN, DARWYN, GERTRUDE, SHARLA, KARI, KAYLA, BETH, ERIN & GRANDDAUGHTERS
JAMES & LORI KELLER	CAROL KELLER
VIRGINIA & DAVID KULL	MY 69TH BIRTHDAY
JEAN LEMMERMANN	HANNAH WILHELM
BRAD LINDWURM	ARLETTE LINDWURM
RUSS & HOPE LUTTER	JERRI LUTTER
LAYNE & LEANN LUX	MY GRANDCHILDREN
PETER MACK	DONNA MACK & ALLEN UNRUH
ALLIE MATTERS	JANICE BROOKS & REBECCA MATTERS
DEB & KEITH MCGUIRE	BRIANNA CUMMINGS & CHELSEY ZAHEEN

LAURA & DAVID MELIUS	ROD JOACHIM, DWIGHT MELIUS, FR. JOHN SHORT, SHIRLEY JOACHIM & DENISE MELIUS
DENISE & DWIGHT MELIUS	DAVID MELIUS, JASON JOHNSON, RICK MELIUS, JOHN MELIUS, DONNA NEISES, LAURA MELIUS, ANGELA JOHNSON, KATIE MELIUS & JODI MELIUS
ERICA & ANDY MILLER	PATTI GRABER, JENELLE MILLER, FLORENCE MILLER, ANNAMAE WEAVER, CLEO KAPSCH, EMILY GRABER, CRAIG MILLER & JOEY GRABER
CURT & CHERYL NIEWENHUIS	LAVONNE DYKSTRA
SHARON & DENNIS PHINNEY	ALLEN UNRUH
LINDA RABUCK	KATIE ROTH, KRIS KITTLE, RACHEL KITTLE, TOSHA REINERS, GINA REINERS & JODI REINERS
JUDITH RADERMACHER	RENEE B, RUTH Y, ROCHELLE - WONDERFUL WOMEN & MOMS
JOHN & KAREN RUST	RUTH VOSS & LEROY RUST
REVEREND GEORGE & JULENE SAGISSOR	OUR GRANDCHILDREN
GARY & AMY SCHAAP	IRIS SCHULTZ & ANNA SCHAAP
EDWARD & CAROL SCHELL	ED'S BIRTHDAY
ARLAN & MARCIA SCHOLTEN	IRENE PENNING, MIRANDA KING, LARISSA ADAMS, DON KING & ROBERT O'NEILL
JEFF & NORA SLYKHUIS	SHIRLEY STEWART, PENNY PILGRIM, MARETTA BUDDEN & MARLORES ROOZING
HELEN SOODSMA	BRENDA GUNDERSON, ASHLEY HOEFERT, SHERRI SOODSMA, TRISHA HUYSER, TANYA SOODSMA, JENNIFER SOODSMA, ADRIENNE THORSON, CJ SOODSMA, CARA WELCH, KEVIN GUNDERSON, AARON HOEFERT, JOEL HUYSER, DANIEL SOODSMA, TRAVIS SOODSMA, LUCAS SOODSMA, MARK SOODSMA & MY 85 TH BIRTHDAY!
JAMES K. & CORINE STACH	JIM STACH & DIANE BELK
YVONNE & RICHARD TILLEMANS	YVONNE F. TILLEMANS
DR. ALLEN & LESLEE UNRUH	ALLEN UNRUH, NATHAN UNRUH, CHACE UNRUH & CASH UNRUH
BERTHA & MARVIN VAN'T HOF	OUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN & GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN
ORVILLE & ARLENE VAN'T HUL	DARREN VAN'T HUL, ZACHARY VAN'T HUL, WILLIAM VAN'T HUL, OUR GRANDSON BEN, GREAT-GRANDSON KADEN & ALL MOTHERS
FRANK & LANITA VANDERBUSH	KAREN RILEY
MARK & DEB VANT HUL	KATHRYN VAANDRAGER & MARY VAN'T HUL
CHRISTINE & DAVID VELDHUIZEN	CHERYL THOMAS
THOMAS & LORI WILFORD	MRS. JOANNE BRAUSCH
MARCIA WILLIAMSON	MY ADOPTED DAUGHTER BRIANNA DSCHAAK
KEVIN & SANDI WYNJA	DALE & JOYCE BAKKER
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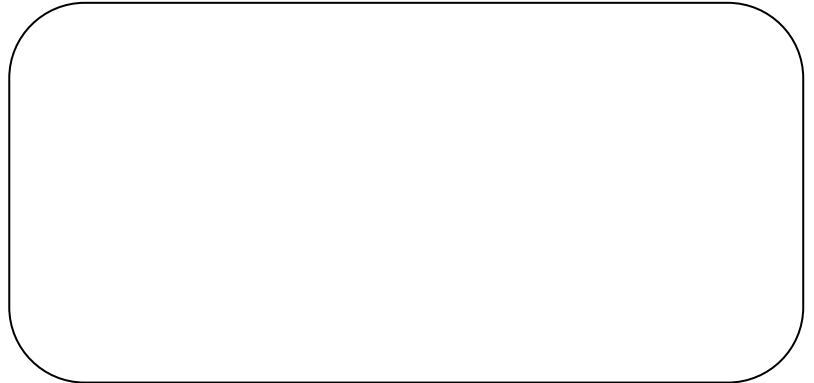
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STAY UP TO DATE



UPCOMING EVENTS



MEET THE BABIES NIGHT

TUESDAY, JULY 29

This is a private event for our
clients by invitation only.



LEGACY MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT

AUGUST 5 6-7:30PM

At the Sioux Falls National
Night Out Event-Granite Valley
Neighborhood



BOOTH AT THE SD RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27
Pierre, SD



SCAN THE QR CODE TO
VISIT OUR EVENT
CALENDAR FOR MORE
INFORMATION