

Information on surgical abortion

The abortion is performed on an outpatient basis, under local anesthesia. To achieve this, we anesthetize the inner cervix with a painkiller. To soften the cervix, 2 tablets of Cytotec should be taken 2–3 hours before the procedure. This allows a less painful procedure. The operation itself takes about 10 minutes. We perform the suction method, which is a gentle procedure. Fertility is not affected by the surgery.

Complications:

- Bleeding is normal after abortion and can last up to 2 weeks.
- Perforation of the uterus is very rare. It is more likely to happen with patients not lying still.
- Infections are very rare and are treated with antibiotics.
- Residual material in the uterus occurs in about one percent of all cases, in which case another post-curettage must be performed.

Costs: The procedure including the preliminary examination costs between CHF 800–1100 and is covered by your health insurance. Please take your health insurance card with you so we can send them the billing rightaway.

Blood group: If you have a blood group card, please take it with you. If you are rhesus factor negative, we will need to inject rhesus antibodies after the procedure for prophylaxis.

Medical confidentiality: We are not allowed to disclose any information to third parties, even to partner or relatives/parents, unless you expressly release us from the obligation of medical medical secrecy obligation.

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