

(Formerly Concord Feminist Health Center)

ABOUT YOUR MEDICATIONS

To make your abortion procedure safer and less painful, we offer the following medications to take before the procedure at no extra cost. Please let your counselor know if you would like to take any of these medications. Before you can take any of these medications, you must tell us if you:

- have any medication allergies
- have taken any prescription drugs in the past 24 hours
- have taken any non-prescription drugs or homeopathic remedies in the past 24 hours , including ibuprofen, aspirin, cold or sleep medications, allergy pills, or any others
- have nausea
- have taken any street drugs in the past 24 hours

Please do not take any ibuprofen, aspirin, or naproxen before your appointment.

Hydrocodone with acetaminophen : This is a combination of acetaminophen (Tylenol) and hydrocodone (a form of codeine). It takes at least 20-30 minutes to have a good effect and lasts for 4-6 hours. It can cause drowsiness so you should not drive for at least 4 hours. It can also cause nausea, especially on an empty stomach. We can get you a snack before you take this medication. You will need a driver after taking this medication.

Lorazepam: This is an anti-anxiety medication, often known by the brand name Ativan. It can make you feel relaxed and drowsy. When swallowed, it takes 20-30 minutes to be effective. It can also be dissolved under the tongue for a faster effect. It should be taken in combination with a pain reliever. You will need a driver after taking this medication

Ibuprofen: This nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) is a pain reliever especially good for cramps. Popular brands of ibuprofen include Advil and Motrin. Ibuprofen takes about half an hour to become effective, and lasts 4-6 hours. You should not take it if you have ever had an allergic reaction to ibuprofen, aspirin or naproxen. Please let your counselor know if you have taken ibuprofen, naproxen or aspirin today. You do not need a driver after taking this medication.

Ketorolac: This NSAID is an effective drug for short-term moderate to severe pain. It takes 30 minutes to have a good effect and lasts for 4-6 hours. It is given by injection in the upper buttock. You do not need a driver to take this medication.

ANTIBIOTIC: To reduce the chance of infection, we will give you one dose of an antibiotic before the procedure.

Please let your counselor know if you have any questions or concerns about medications.