

## THE OFF-LABEL USE OF MISOPROSTOL IN GYNAECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS

Misoprostol is a drug for prevention and treatment of gastroduodenal ulcers. Recent studies demonstrated that it is effective in management of pregnancy complications including miscarriage, termination of pregnancy. It was also shown to be effective in facilitating other gynaecological procedures. However, the medication is not licensed for these purposes.

Local and overseas studies demonstrated that misoprostol

- was effective in inducing complete miscarriage in patients suffering from silent and incomplete miscarriage
- could soften the cervix to facilitate first trimester suction evacuation of pregnancy
- was shown to be effective in inducing second trimester termination of pregnancy
- could soften the cervix to facilitate other procedures in which cervical dilatation is necessary
- could reduce blood loss during myomectomy

Patients taking misoprostol may develop side effects including

- Serious
  - anaphylaxis (very rare)
  - congenital abnormalities if termination of pregnancy was not completed and the pregnancy continue
- Frequent
  - nausea (6 in every 10, common)
  - vomiting (2 in every 10, common)
  - diarrhoea (5 in every 100, common)
  - vaginal bleeding
  - fever (3-5 in every 10, common)

I understand there are other alternative methods which are registered for this purpose. I agree to be treated with misoprostol and I understand that I am free to choose other treatment regimens.

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