

# Financial consent form for medical termination of pregnancy (mTOP)

Client name: \_\_\_\_\_  
File number: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

## Purpose of form

This Financial Consent Form explains the costs of a medical termination of pregnancy (mTOP) procedure at Sexual Health Quarters (SHQ) for people without a Medicare card. It includes the estimated fees, possible extra costs and your financial responsibilities. By signing this form, you agree that you understand and accept these costs. This helps make sure everything is clear and you have a good experience with your healthcare.

## Overview of treatment

Medical termination is an alternative to surgery for ending a pregnancy in the early weeks (up to 63 days). To see if this is suitable for you, you usually need an ultrasound to check the pregnancy's location and how far along it is. The procedure uses two medicines: mifepristone and misoprostol which come in a pack called MS-2 Step. You will also need regular blood tests to make sure the procedure is working.

## Financial Information

### Unintended Pregnancy Consultation (SHQ)

Our clinicians are available for non-judgemental and non-directive consultations about unintended pregnancy. Unintended pregnancy clinic consultations incur no charge.

Cost

Client to tick boxes

Free

If you decide to have an abortion this can be done with a doctor at SHQ or another abortion provider.

### Investigations To Assess Medical Termination Suitability

#### Pelvic Ultrasound Scan

An ultrasound scan is usually required to confirm the location and gestation of the pregnancy to assess suitability for a mTOP procedure.

~\$200

Varies between providers  
(this service is external to SHQ)  
Suggested Provider:  
Perth Radiological Clinic (PRC)

#### Blood Test - Full Blood Count

A full blood test may be required to ensure that you are not anaemic and are suitable to proceed with a mTOP procedure.

~\$20

Varies between providers  
(this service is external to SHQ)  
Suggested Provider: PathWest

#### Blood Test - Quantitative HCG

This test measures the pregnancy hormone levels in your blood. You will be required to have this tested at least twice during a straightforward mTOP procedure (at baseline and again at follow up). If there are any concerns about your pregnancy or mTOP procedure, you may be requested to have additional tests.

~\$30 per test

Varies between providers  
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### Medical Termination Procedure Appointment (SHQ)

Affordable medical abortion services are available at SHQ. Our staff are non-judgemental and are here to support you and your individual decision.

After your ultrasound and blood test results show you can safely take the medication, you will need an appointment to get a prescription for MS-2 Step. You will also get more information about the procedure and possible problems to watch for. You will also be given a prescription for pain relief and nausea.

**Cost**

**up to \$372.15**  
(Depending on length of consultation)

**Client to tick boxes**

### Medication

#### MS-2 Step

Two medicines are used for mTOP. First, you take one mifepristone tablet. This stops the pregnancy from continuing. Then, after 36 to 48 hours, you take four misoprostol tablets. These help your body remove the pregnancy.

These medications are provided in Australia in a combination pack called MS-2 Step. Both mifepristone and misoprostol work together to end a pregnancy; it is important that you take both medications.

**~\$400**

Varies between providers (this service is external to SHQ)  
Suggested Provider:  
BusyBee Pharmacy Northbridge

#### mTOP Assist Pack

A combined prescription for pain relief and anti-nausea medicine to use during the mTOP procedure.

**~\$15**

(this service is external to SHQ)  
Suggested Provider:  
BusyBee Pharmacy Northbridge

### Follow Up Consultation (SHQ)

It is important that you attend a follow up appointment with your doctor after 1-2 weeks to ensure the medication has worked. Home pregnancy tests cannot be relied upon, as they can remain positive for many days after a pregnancy has ended. This follow-up is also a good time to discuss contraception with your doctor, as you can become pregnant again very soon after having an abortion.

**Free**

### Surgery

There is a 4 in 100 chance that some pregnancy tissue remains after an mTOP. This might need surgery to prevent infection and make sure the pregnancy ends.

In about 1% of cases, the pregnancy continues after mTOP. If this happens, we strongly recommend either surgery or another medical termination. If you decide to keep the pregnancy, the baby might have problems due to the medication misoprostol. The effects of mifepristone on the baby are not known.

**~TBA**

(this service is external to SHQ)  
Suggested Provider:  
King Edward Memorial Hospital

## Total Estimated Cost (uncomplicated mTOP procedure)

<b>Unintended Pregnancy Consultation (SHQ)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Pelvic Ultrasound Scan	\$200
Blood Test – Full Blood Count	\$20
Blood Test – Quantitative HCG	\$60
<b>Medical Termination Procedure Appointment (SHQ)</b>	<b>\$372</b>
MS-2 Step Medication	\$385
mTOP Assist Pack (pain relief and anti-emetic medication)	\$15
<b>Follow Up Consultation (SHQ)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1052</b>

Private health and travel insurance may help you cover the costs of medical treatment, hospital care, and some prescription medications you may need while in Australia. Each insurance provider will have a range of plans available, so contact your provider to check you are covered for what you might need. You should ask them about waiting periods, exclusions and other limitations on your plan.

If you're from a country with a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA) you might receive some Medicare benefits, also known as Reciprocal Medicare.

### Acknowledgement

- I have understood the above information regarding the costs associated with medical termination of pregnancy as a non-Medicare card holder. I have had the opportunity to discuss any concerns with an SHQ staff member and raised any questions that I had.
- I understand that the estimated costs provided above are subject to change based on individual circumstances and any additional services required during the course of my treatment.
- I acknowledge that as a non-Medicare card holder, I am responsible for all costs associated with the procedure.
- I agree to pay all charges in full at the time of service unless other arrangements have been made in advance.
- I have been offered information about alternative providers and have made my own enquiries about the availability of their procedures and associated fees.

## Consent for Medical Termination Of Pregnancy

### Client

Based on the information above, I \_\_\_\_\_ willingly consent for my clinician to proceed with a medical termination of pregnancy procedure at SHQ. By ticking the items above, I acknowledge that these are understood by me and have been discussed with a SHQ Representative.

Signed by client \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

### SHQ Representative

I have explained the costs associated with a medical termination procedure for non-Medicare card holders to this client, as well as other alternative pregnancy options.

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

### Interpreter (if applicable)

Language: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that I have interpreted the details on this form and the dialogue between the client and SHQ representative to the best of my ability. I have advised the SHQ staff member of any concerns about my performance.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ TIS Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

### References

1. Sexual Health Quarters, Consent form A: Patient Consent form for procedures involving a contraceptive implant
2. MS Health, Consent to treatment with MS-2 Step (mifepristone, misoprostol)