

# Oral versus vaginal misoprostol for medical management of early foetal demise

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

**EudraCT/CTIS number**

**IRAS number**

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**

**Secondary identifying numbers**  
N/A

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

A randomised controlled trial of oral versus vaginal misoprostol for medical management of early foetal demise

### **Study objectives**

When used in conjunction with oral mifepristone (200 mg), a single dose of vaginal misoprostol (800 micrograms) has a higher success rate in treating early foetal demise than an oral regimen of misoprostol (600/400/400 micrograms).

### **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

### **Ethics approval(s)**

South Tees Hospital Trust Ethics Committee, 23/09/1997, ref: 97/69

### **Study design**

Randomised controlled trial

### **Primary study design**

Interventional

### **Secondary study design**

Randomised controlled trial

### **Study setting(s)**

Hospital

### **Study type(s)**

Treatment

### **Participant information sheet**

No participant information sheet available

### **Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Medical management of miscarriage

### **Interventions**

In both groups, oral mifepristone (200 mg) was given and then the misoprostol administered 48 hours later. The vaginal regimen was given once only. If no products were passed/seen, even on vaginal speculum examination, this could be repeated the next day. The oral regime (600/400/400 micrograms) was given at two hourly intervals. Again, if the miscarriage had not completed, this could be reviewed the next day.

### **Intervention Type**

Drug

### **Phase**

Not Specified

### **Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

Mifepristone, misoprostol

**Primary outcome measure**

Clinically diagnosed completion of miscarriage

**Secondary outcome measures**

1. Parity, assessed at initial presentation
2. Anembryonic/embryonic early foetal demise assessed at time of ultrasound scan and miscarriage diagnosis
3. Side effects (pain, diarrhoea, vomiting), assessed during treatment and inpatient stay
4. Analgesia use

**Overall study start date**

01/01/1997

**Completion date**

30/12/2000

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

Women with an ultrasound diagnosis of (singleton) early foetal demise, with no medical contraindications or known allergy to misoprostol or mifepristone.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Female

**Target number of participants**

240

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Heavy smokers (of >20 cigarettes day)
2. Aged >35 years
3. Severe asthma
4. Cardiovascular disease, hypertension (blood pressure [BP] >160/100 mmHg)
5. Chronic adrenal, renal or hepatic failure
6. Porphyria or haemorrhagic disorders
7. Long term corticosteroid
8. Anticoagulant or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) therapy
9. Known allergy to mifepristone or misoprostol

**Date of first enrolment**

01/01/1997

**Date of final enrolment**

30/12/2000

# Locations

## Countries of recruitment

England

United Kingdom

## Study participating centre

**University Hospital of North Tees**

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# Sponsor information

## Organisation

South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust (UK)

## Sponsor details

The James Cook University Hospital

Marton Road

Middlesbrough

England

United Kingdom

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## Sponsor type

Hospital/treatment centre

## Website

<http://www.southtees.nhs.uk/live/>

## ROR

<https://ror.org/02js17r36>

# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Hospital/treatment centre

## Funder Name

The James Cook University Hospital (UK)

## Results and Publications

### Publication and dissemination plan

Not provided at time of registration

### Intention to publish date

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

### IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/10/2009	24/10/2019	Yes	No