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Dear Walgreens Pharmacist,

As you know, Walgreens recently began dispensing the abortion drug mifepristone in select locations in five states, with plans to expand to more stores in more states.

As a Walgreens customer and concerned citizen, I want to bring to your attention some serious concerns about mifepristone and some important information you should know as a trusted health care provider in our community.

The abortion pill is not as safe as you may think.

Studies show that one out of five women who use the two-drug combination of mifepristone and misoprostol to procure an abortion will experience complications—a rate four times higher than for surgical abortion.

These complications include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, and more serious complications like incomplete abortion, retained products, ectopic pregnancy rupture, uterine rupture, hemorrhage, sepsis, and even death.

The abortion pill takes an innocent human life.

Medication abortion ends the life of a human being by starving the growing embryo or fetus of nourishment (mifepristone) and then expelling its body from its mother's womb (misoprostol).

At this stage of human life, facial features and fingernails are forming, the heartbeat can be heard on an ultrasound, and brain activity can be detected.

If you dispense mifepristone, you are taking part in an abortion, helping to end the life of a fellow human being at his or her most vulnerable stage of life.

You have a right not to dispense the abortion pill.

Under Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act, you have a right as a medical practitioner not to take part in abortion.

If your store manager or other supervisor demands that you dispense mifepristone against your conscientious objections, they're breaking the law, and legal help is available to you.

What will you tell women who call and ask what to do with the body?

Undergoing a medication abortion is an extremely painful and distressing experience. Women describe “unimaginable agony” and “the most painful experience ever in my life.” One woman said, “Clots the size of lemons were coming out of me.”

But perhaps most upsetting, many women undergoing medication abortion will be confronted with the sight of their tiny unborn child’s remains in their toilet or sanitary pad.

What will you tell these women when they call you—the person who gave them the abortion pills—and ask what to do with the body?

You don’t want to be involved in an unwanted abortion.

Peer reviewed research published in the journal *Cureus* finds that in 67% of cases, women who have had abortions say that the abortion was contrary to their values and preferences (43%) or even unwanted or coerced (24%).

These findings should especially be of concern to pharmacists, considering that you have no control over how these pills are used once they leave your Walgreens store.

You should know that a medication abortion can be reversed.

If your pharmacy dispenses mifepristone, you may receive a call from a woman who has changed her mind before taking misoprostol. You should know that a protocol has been developed that may allow her pregnancy to continue.

This protocol, consisting of the administration of progesterone, is successful 60% of the time, and more than 4,000 children have been born as a result.

Please weigh these concerns that I have raised as you navigate Walgreens’ corporate decision to become an abortion provider.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. To learn more about your conscience rights not to be involved in abortion, the harms of the abortion pill, and the abortion pill reversal protocol, scan this QR code or visit DearPharmacist.us:

