

## And the Baby?

The fetus pictured here was aborted by means of a chemical attack using a typical abortifacient drug such as methotrexate, misoprostol or mifepristone. In Britain chemical abortion is normally used up to the ninth week of life.



From the seventh week of the baby's life her limbs will be torn apart and sucked out of the uterus by use of a powerful vacuum tube, perhaps in conjunction with chemical treatment. After 15 weeks of life a variety of sharp and crushing metal implements will be used to dismember the baby.

American obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr. Bernard Nathanson was one of the original pro-abortion lobbyists responsible for legalizing abortion in the USA. After carrying out an estimated 75,000 abortions, and with the advent of ultrasound technology, a horrified Dr. Nathanson finally recognised the horror of what he was doing. In 1984 he made a realistic documentary called *The Silent Scream* that shows the reality of abortion using ultrasound images. It can be viewed on the internet at [youtube](http://youtube).

Dr. Nathanson finally converted to the Catholic Faith because he recognised not only the truth of the claims of the Church that was founded by Christ, Himself, but also because he recognized that the Catholic Church alone has always, and will always, oppose abortion and the culture of death.

## And Us?

We are a group of Catholics who adhere to the traditional doctrines and sacraments of the Church. We pray the holy rosary, given to the world as a remedy for sin by Mary, Mother of God, outside abortion clinics in order to win graces for you and many others and to obtain an end to abortion.



Further information about the Catholic Church, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and other sacraments and traditional Catholic practices and devotions can be obtained by visiting <http://www.sspcx.co.uk> or by writing to 125 Arthur Road, London, SW19 7DR.

Experienced counseling and practical help is offered by:  
**The Good Counsel Network** — Telephone 020 7723 1740.  
**The Pro-Life Alliance** — Telephone 020 7581 6939  
**Life** — Telephone 0800 915 4600  
**British Victims of Abortion** — 0845 603 8501  
**Just The Facts** — <http://www.justthefacts.org>

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## You & Your Baby



**This is a photograph of an eight-week old embryo.**

**She only measures 3cms long but her major organ systems are already formed.**

**More than 60% of induced abortions in Britain take place between 6 to 9 weeks of the baby's life. The central nervous system has formed, she can feel pain, and brainwaves can be detected.**

**Nearly 40% of abortions are carried out after 9 weeks of life.**

# Mother & Child: Two Victims of the Abortion Industry

## PHYSICAL COMPLICATIONS

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists reported in 2000 that more than eleven percent of women suffered immediate physical complications after having an abortion.

- R.C.O.G., *The Care of Women Requesting Induced Abortion*, 2000.

That report is backed by others including another British study that found a twelve percent rate of morbidity due to complications including retained tissue, pelvic inflammatory disease and infections.

- Duthie *et al*, *Morbidity after Termination of Pregnancy in First Trimester*, 1987.

The most common complications to occur immediately following an induced abortion are:

- **Perforation of the uterus**
  - **Excessive bleeding**
  - **Infection**
  - **Embolism**
  - **Retained tissue**
  - **Haemorrhage**
  - **Cervical injury**
  - **Endotoxic shock**
  - **'Boggy' uterus**
  - **Failure to recognize an ectopic pregnancy**
- Hern, W., *Abortion Practice*, 1990

After having an abortion, 24% of women experience complications with later pregnancies: excessive bleeding; premature delivery; cervical incompetence or rupture of the placenta.

- *Acta/Obstetrics & Gynaecology Scandinavia*, vol. 58, 1979.

An analysis of 38 worldwide studies reports an average increased risk of 30% for breast cancer. For women under 18 years of age the risk of breast cancer rises to 150% after having an abortion.

- Brind *et al*, *Induced Abortion as an Independent Risk Factor for Breast Cancer*, 1996; Melbye *et al*, *Induced Abortion and Breast Cancer*, 1997; Daling *et al*, *Risk of Breast Cancer among Young Women: Relationship to Induced Abortion*, 1994.



## PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

Numerous scientific studies have also been published that report an increased risk of psychological problems and mental disorders amongst women who have undergone induced abortion.

According to a group of leading psychologists and mental health professionals, in a public letter printed in *The Times*, October 27th, 2006, induced abortion causes women tremendous psychological and mental health problems.

Basing their statement upon a scientific report published in *The Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, 2006, they revealed that “Women who had had abortions had twice the level of mental health problems and three times the risk of major depressive illness as those who had given birth or never been pregnant”.

An in-depth American study found that mental health problems rose by 17% for women who had an abortion. Incidence of some specific problems rose by as much as 167%. This study reflected another conducted in New Zealand and published around the same time by Fergusson *et al* in *The British Journal of Psychiatry*, 2008, that found women who had an abortion were 30% more likely to suffer serious psychological disorders.

“Abortion was found to be related to an increased risk for a variety of mental health problems (panic attacks, panic disorder, agoraphobia, PTSD, bipolar disorder, major depression) and substance abuse disorders after statistical controls were instituted for a wide range of personal, situational, and demographic variables”.

- **120% higher risk of alcohol abuse**
- **145% increased risk of alcohol dependence**
- **79% higher risk of drug abuse**
- **126% increased risk of drug dependence**
- **167% higher risk of bipolar disorder**
- **48% increased risk of major depression**
- **111% increased risk of panic disorders**
- **44% greater risk of panic attacks**
- **59% increased risk of PTSD**
- **95% increased risk of agoraphobia**

- Coleman *et al*, *Induced Abortion & Anxiety, Mood & Substance Abuse Disorders*, 2008