

## **Report on abortion pricing in New York City**

### [US Abortion Clinics spreadsheet](#) [Price breakdowns by clinic](#)

**Background:** It can often be difficult for consumers to adequately estimate the cost of abortion services and procedures, and this can lead to undue stress for those who are planning to utilize these services. Since certain abortion options are limited by time constraints, it is necessary for consumers to be able to quickly access up-to-date information in order to make informed choices for themselves. This is even more crucial when vetting clinics, as [Crisis Pregnancy Centers](#) (also called fake clinics) are often strategically placed near legitimate clinics in order to [confuse, mislead, or misinform](#) those trying to access care. With abortion rights being dismantled by certain states, it is also key for people coming to New York to access abortion services to be able to assess their options in a timely manner and make decisions accordingly.

**Methodology:** To discern the prices of abortion services in New York City, a “Mystery Shopper” format was utilized. A distinct buyer’s persona was crafted in order to make the calls ring with authenticity: 28 year old Tracy R, a marketing manager from Ridgewood, Queens living with her boyfriend of three years, and whose birth control method had failed; a last menstrual period of approximately 6-7 weeks prior to the calls was given in order to allow for an exploration and subsequent analysis of both the abortion pill and surgical options. A script was written to guide the conversations and ensure that information could be uniformly gathered, and to also serve as an important way to not arouse suspicion on the part of the people answering the inquiries.

**Results:** A total of eleven independent clinics were contacted using the “Mystery Shopper” format. All of the clinics that were contacted offered the [abortion pill](#) (mifepristone and misoprostol), with a few providing the pill at other sites as well (such as associated gynecological offices). The abortion pill is available up to 7-10 weeks, depending on the provider. Pricing information for the abortion pill was obtained for all clinics.

- The average price for the abortion pill is \$563
- Lowest prices: \$375 at [Bronx Abortion](#); \$495 at All Women’s Medical Queens
- Highest price: \$695 at Eastside Gynecology

Note: One of the clinics, [Early Options](#), is a private-only clinic servicing a limited number of patients a day, which offers the abortion pill and MVA up to 10 weeks for a flat fee of \$2100. When it came to the average calculations of abortion services in NYC, this was not included in order to give a better sense of the true costs. The doctor is part of the [MYAbortion Network](#) and does prescribe the abortion pill via telehealth for \$600.

Additionally, all of the clinics also provided information about in-clinic abortions, outpatient procedures which are commonly either done by [dilation and curettage](#) (D&C) or sometimes [vacuum aspiration](#) (also known as suction aspiration or MVA). These options are generally available from 10-14 weeks, although may be available earlier as well, depending on the provider. Pricing information for these surgical options was obtained for all clinics, although in some cases the representatives were not able to articulate the particular type of surgical

procedure that was done in their clinic, directing instead to make an appointment with a provider to discuss the possible options.

- The average price for the in-clinic (D&C or MVA) procedure is \$544
- Lowest prices: \$420 at [Bronx Abortion](#); \$425 at [Parkmed](#)
- Highest price: \$750 at [Roosevelt Women's Medical Care PC](#)

For 15 weeks and above, [dilation and evacuation \(D&E\)](#) is typically used, and depending on the surgical capabilities of the clinics, can generally be provided up to 24 weeks of gestation. Unfortunately, pricing information was not always provided by clinics with the capabilities to do D&E surgeries. Eight clinics reported pricing for surgeries 12-14 weeks, two for 15+ weeks, and, interestingly, six reported pricing for 23-24 week procedures (Note: three of these clinics all share an Ambulatory Surgical Center in Brooklyn with the same prices, and some other clinics refer patients there).

- The average cost of an in-clinic D&E procedure (12-14 weeks): \$624.38
- Lowest prices: \$500 at [Brooklyn Abortion Clinic](#); \$520 at [Bronx Abortion](#)
- Highest price: \$950 at [Roosevelt Women's Medical Care PC](#)
- The average cost of an in-clinic D&E procedure (15 weeks): \$915
- Lowest price: \$850 at [Dr. Emily Women's Health Center](#)
- Highest price: \$980 at [All Women's Medical of Queens](#)
- The average cost of an in-clinic D&E procedure (23-24 weeks): \$2855
- Lowest price: \$1850 at [Dr. Emily Women's Health Center](#)
- Highest price: \$3280 at [All Women's Medical of Queens](#)

Note: Two representatives mentioned that the general pricing scheme is that the fees for in-clinic procedures will increase by approximately \$100-200 for each additional week of gestation up until about 20 weeks, when it increases more due to the complexity of the procedure. Most appointments include the pregnancy test and initial visit (and sometimes a follow-up visit as well), with common extra charges including outside lab fees, sonograms, and rhogam injections.

Difficulties encountered: One of the major difficulties came as a result of trying to get pricing information from Planned Parenthood, which came as quite a shock. Despite repeated calls to the Planned Parenthood of Greater NY billing offices, there were no responses regarding pricing information. Pricing information was also problematic to gather from hospitals as well. NYC Health+Hospitals does have a [cost estimator tool](#), which did offer up basic information about potential costs, but this is merely an estimate and likely does not reflect the actual costs that may be incurred by patients - although the hospital system does have a robust charity care program. Despite attempts to procure a “good faith estimate” of out-of-pocket costs for self-pay patients, the billing representatives at NYC H+H would unfortunately not offer pricing information.

### **Price breakdowns by clinic**

#### **All Women's Medical of Queens**

- Abortion pill, up to 9.6 weeks: \$495
- D&C, up to 12 weeks: \$585
- D&E:
  - 12-14 weeks: \$775
  - 15-17 weeks: \$980
  - 18-19 weeks: \$1230
  - 20 weeks: \$1785 + \$300 cremation fee (not covered by insurance): \$2085
  - 21-22 weeks: \$2180 + \$300 cremation fee (not covered by insurance): \$2480
  - 23-24 weeks: \$2980 + \$300 cremation fee (not covered by insurance): \$3280

### **Bronx Abortion**

- Abortion pill, up to 10 weeks (walk-in available): \$375
- D&C, under 12 weeks: \$420
- D&C 13-14 weeks: \$520

### **Brooklyn Abortion Clinic - ASC surgical center**

- Abortion pill, up to 7 weeks: \$550
- D&C:
  - 7-11 weeks: \$475
  - 11-13 weeks: \$500
  - 14 weeks: \$700
- D&E:
  - 15 weeks: \$800
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  - 24 weeks: \$3000

### **Brooklyn Gynecology Place (d/b/a Professional Gynecological Services)**

Note: Same pricing scheme as Brooklyn Abortion Clinic - surgeries are conducted at their ASC

- Abortion pill, up to 7 weeks: \$550
- D&C:
  - 7-11 weeks: \$475
  - 11-13 weeks: \$500
  - 14 weeks: \$700
- D&E:
  - 15 weeks: \$800
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  - 24 weeks: \$3000

### **Choices Women's Medical Center**

- Abortion pill, up to 10 weeks: \$600
- D&C up to 12 weeks: \$600

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- D&E 23-24 weeks: \$3,000

### [Dr. Emily Women's Health Center](#) (d/b/a Bronx Women's Medical Pavilion)

- Abortion pill, up to 10 weeks: \$550
- D&C, less than 12 weeks: \$450
  - 12.1 – 13.6 weeks: \$550
  - 14.0 – 14.6 weeks: \$650
- D&E
  - 15.0 – 15.6 weeks: \$750
  - 16.0 – 16.6 weeks: \$850
  - 17.0 – 17.6 weeks: \$950
  - 18.0 – 18.6 weeks: \$1050
  - 19.0 – 19.6 weeks: \$1,150
  - 20.0 – 20.6 weeks: \$1,350
  - 21.0 – 21.6 weeks: \$1,450
  - 22.0 – 22.6 weeks: \$1,650
  - 23.0 – 24.0 weeks: \$1,850

### [Eastside Gynecology](#)

Note: Same pricing scheme as Brooklyn Abortion Clinic - surgeries above 13 weeks are conducted at their ASC

- Abortion pill, up to 8.5 days: \$695
- MVA up to 9.6 weeks: \$695
- D&C up to 12 weeks: \$695
- 13 weeks: \$500
- 14 weeks: \$700
- D&E:
  - 15 weeks: \$800
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  - 24 weeks: \$300

### [Parkmed Physicians](#)

- Abortion pill, up to 10 weeks: \$600
- MVA up to 10 weeks: \$550
- D&C up until 12 weeks: \$425
- D&E 13-24 weeks (no further price info given)

### [Roosevelt Women's Medical Care PC](#)

- Abortion pill, up to 9 weeks (walk-ins available): \$650
- D&C
  - 8 weeks: \$750

- 10 weeks: \$900
- D&E 11 to 23 weeks (no further pricing info given)

### **Women's Services - Queens**

- Abortion pill, up to 8 weeks: \$560
- D&C, up to 11 weeks: \$560
- D&E 12-23 weeks (no further pricing info given)