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Pro-Life pharmacist John Wilks' comments about the morning after pill Postinor-2 terminating a pregnancy are misguided and ill-informed. (CT 2/4 Morning After Pill Refused)

Scientific evidence shows that the morning after pill, also known as emergency contraception (EC) will not work if a woman is already pregnant and studies among women who have mistakenly taken hormonal contraceptives early during pregnancy show that these drugs do not harm the fetus.

EC actually works by preventing pregnancy from occurring. Anti-choice groups should support EC because it prevents unplanned pregnancies and helps reduce the need for abortion. It is also one of the safest drugs to take.

Getting informed about EC and working to increase its availability helps to provide better reproductive health care to all women.

Mr Wilks' behaviour and those like him, in not providing EC, condoms or birth control supports those calling for EC to be more widely available, for example, in supermarkets and on 'front of the counter' shelves in pharmacies. This offers women and men more choices in exercising their reproductive health rights without moral judgement.

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