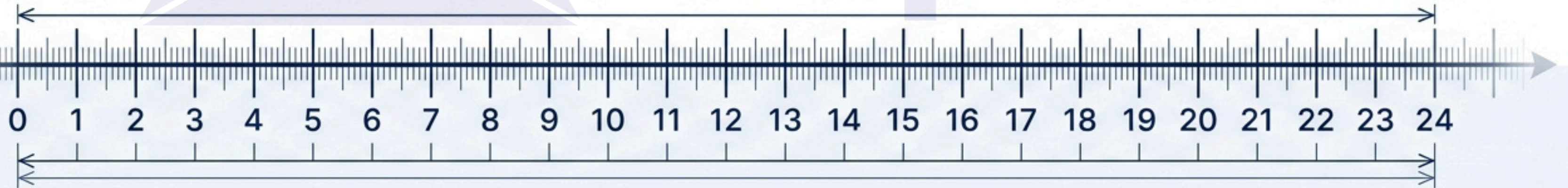


MTP Timing: First Trimester vs. Second Trimester

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The legal and medical framework for Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) is strictly determined by the gestational week.

First Trimester: 0–12 Weeks



MTPs are considered relatively safe during the first trimester.



Quick Tip

The verbatim NCERT phrasing is **“relatively safe up to 12 weeks of pregnancy.”** Always map **“First Trimester”** strictly to the 12-week threshold in MCQs.



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Second Trimester: 13–24 Weeks

Week 12



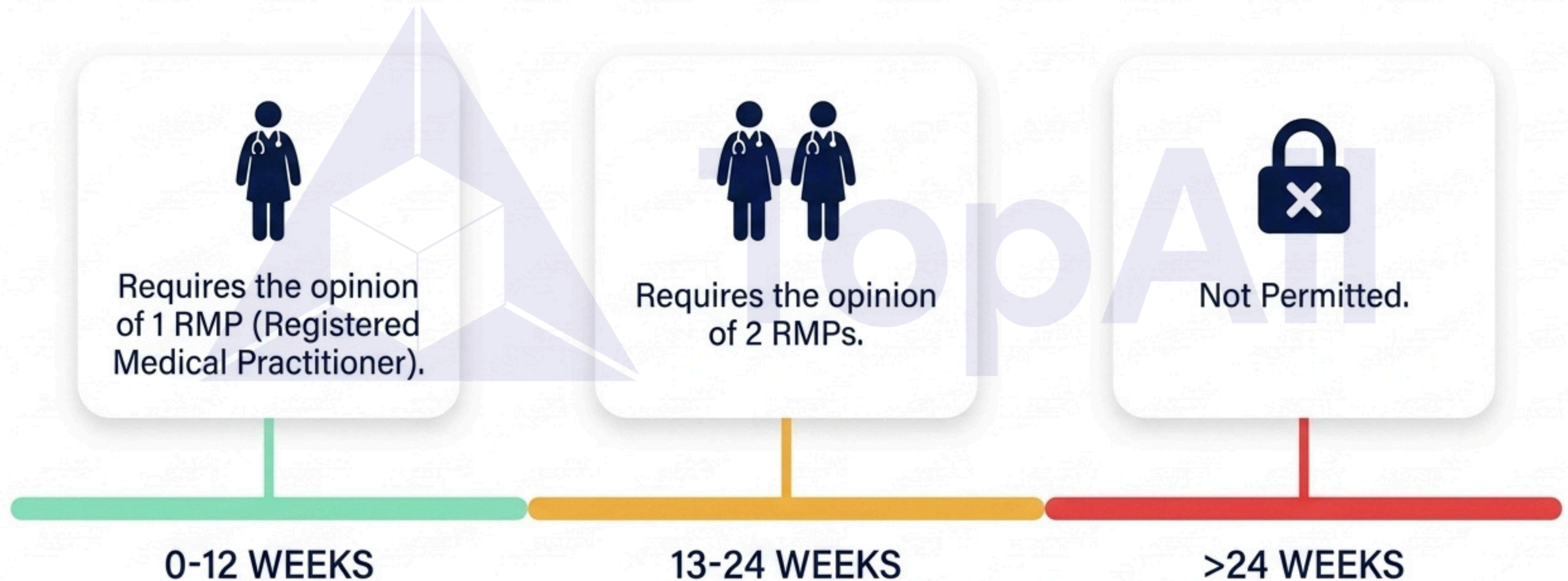
Much Riskier.

Common Mistake

Don't confuse abortion with miscarriage.

- **Abortion (MTP, induced):** intentional, by medical procedure.
- **Spontaneous abortion (miscarriage):** unintentional, natural loss of pregnancy.

The 2017 Amendment scales medical oversight based on the clinical risk of the trimester.



According to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, up to which period is MTP considered relatively safe?

A) 8 weeks

B) 12 weeks 

C) 20 weeks

D) 24 weeks

Quick Tip: Examiners will often mix week counts and trimester names. 12 Weeks = First Trimester. This is the absolute threshold for 'relative safety'.

Key Takeaway

First trimester MTP is relatively safer.



< 12 Weeks → Safe → 1 RMP

12–24 Weeks → Riskier → 2 RMPs

> 24 Weeks → Not Permitted



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