

# **Providing Quality Contraceptive Care Throughout the Lifespan**

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# Objectives

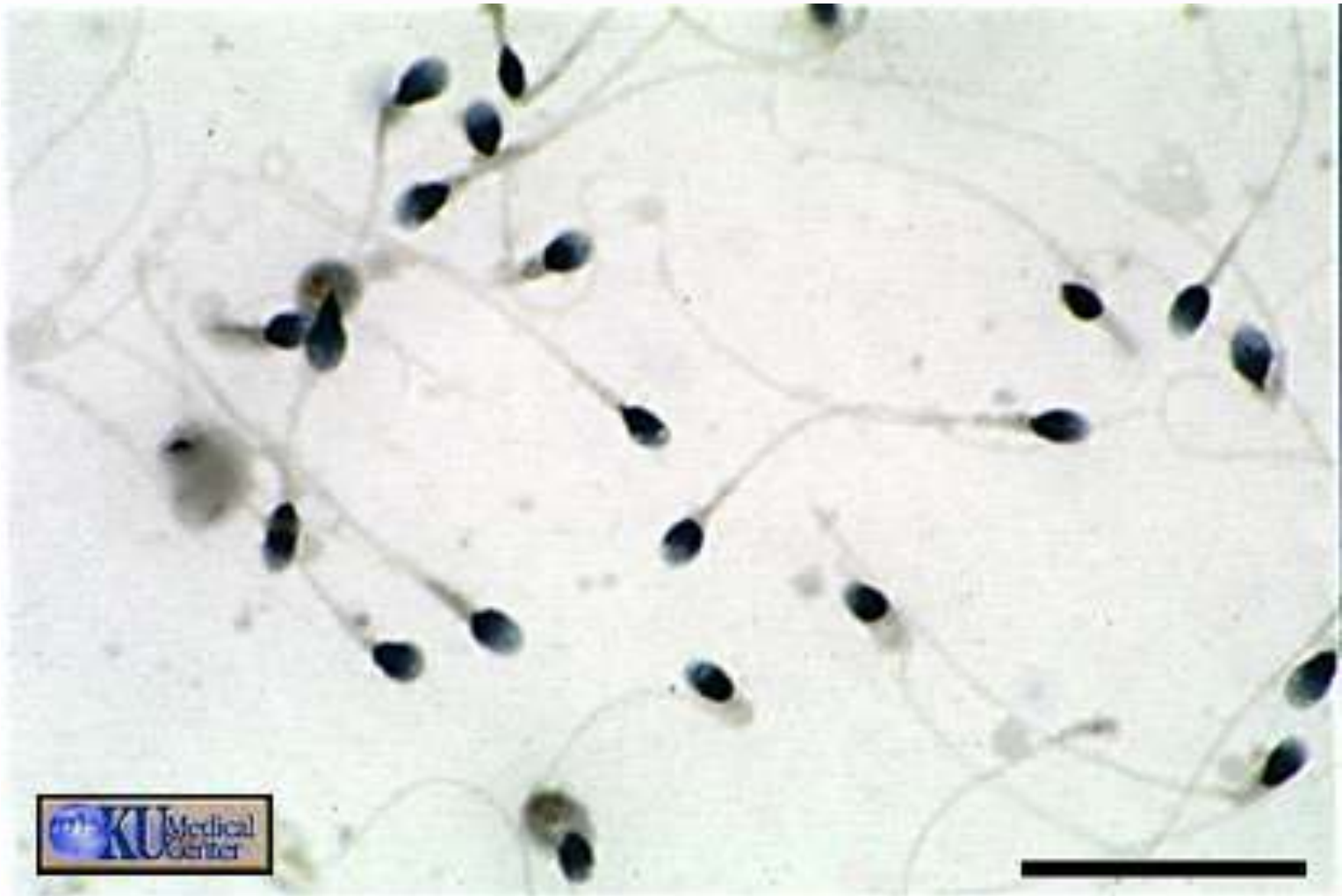
- Identify one pregnancy intention screening tool
- Explain what it means to provide contraceptive care throughout the lifespan
- Describe two recommendations that you will implement in your practice

This presentation includes “off-label” discussion of products.

When the speaker mentions use of medications for purposes other than what is included in their FDA label they will be identified as such.



# Sperm



# Facts of Life

## < age 25



- >48% of adolescents are sexually active
- People  $\leq$  age 25 are at highest risk for
  - Unintended pregnancy
  - STDs
- Teen pregnancy rates are higher in the US than other industrialized countries
- Risk reduction requires negotiating condom use and effective contraception

# Facts of Life

## Mid-life

- Mid-life people are frequently in relationship transition
- Women are sexually active in mid-life and are still fertile
- Risk reduction requires negotiating condom use and effective contraception



## 40–44 Year Olds

- 60% less likely to use contraception currently
- And less likely to use contraception during the next year

| Age 15-19<br>2006-2010 and 2011 | 28% Current<br>contraceptive % | Ever used<br>% |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Implant or patch                | .5                             | Patch 10%      |
| IUD                             | 1                              |                |
| DMPA                            | 3                              | 20%            |
| Pill                            | 15                             | 56%            |
| Ring                            | 1                              | 5%             |
| Condom                          | 6                              | 96% (58%)      |
| Withdrawal                      | 1                              | 57%            |
| Rhythm                          |                                | 15%            |
| EC                              |                                | 14%            |
| Pregnant or postpartum          | 3.9                            |                |
| Seeking pregnancy               | .9                             |                |



# COC is Still The Most Common Contraceptive

- Daily dosing
- Risk for thrombosis
- Lower efficacy
- Use of top tier methods are lower than any other age group

# Age 40-44

| Method               | 77% are using contraception |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Female sterilization | 39.1                        |
| Male sterilization   | 15.3                        |
| Pill                 | 8.6                         |
| Condom               | 6.8                         |
| IUC                  | 3.2                         |
| Withdrawal           | 2.5                         |
| Injectable           | 0.9                         |
| Periodic Abstinence  | 0.5                         |
| Contraceptive ring   | 0.3                         |
| Implant, or patch    | No data                     |

Consent  
Confidentiality  
Condoms



# **TEENS AND FAMILY PLANNING**

# Sexuality Education

- Oregon state law requires teaching about contraceptives, such as condoms, the Pill, or the Patch
- “culturally and gender-sensitive materials, language, and strategies that recognize different sexual orientations and gender roles.”
- “must be presented in a manner sensitive to the fact that there are students who have experienced sexual abuse” and that does not devalue or ignore students who have engaged in sexual intercourse.

# Yet...

- Adolescents have limited knowledge of reproductive health and contraceptive options, and their sources of information are often unreliable.
- Minimal knowledge of anatomy

# American Academy of Pediatrics

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/134/4/e1257.full.pdf>

## ACOG

<https://www.acog.org/Resources-And-Publications/Committee-Opinions/Committee-on-Adolescent-Health-Care/Adolescents-and-Long-Acting-Reversible-Contraception>

- Educate adolescents about the implant and IUDs as a first-line contraceptive choice
- Providers unable to provide these methods to adolescents should refer them to healthcare providers who can.
- Contraceptive prescription or referral for IUD placement without prior pelvic examination is appropriate, as are screenings for chlamydia or other sexually transmitted infections

# Contraceptive counseling should be developmentally targeted

- The sexual health and contraceptive needs of early adolescents differ markedly from those of middle and late adolescents.
- Even among same-age adolescents, there is a wide range in adolescents' sense of themselves as a sexual being, their sexual experiences, and their interest and need for contraception.



# Contraceptive counseling should be developmentally targeted

*A study of early adolescents described views and behaviors ranging from considering sex to be “nasty” and something best left to adults, to an intense curiosity about and initiation of sexual behaviors.*

# Consent

- Minors of any age do not need parental consent to access:
  - Information about contraception
  - Contraceptive services
  - Testing and treatment for STIs including HIV
- < age 18 can not consent to sex

# Consent

- Oregon law protects providers from civil liability when a diagnosis or treatment is provided to an authorized minor without the consent of the parent or legal guardian of the minor.
- ORS 109.685

# Consent for Abortion

- No law in Oregon says that a minor seeking an abortion must have parental consent
- However, anyone  $< 15$  seeking medical services related to medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment needs parental consent. Abortion falls under this law
- Anyone  $> 15$  or older does not need parental consent or notification

# Oregon Healthy Teens Survey 2009

- [www.dhs.state.or.us/dhs/ph/chs/youthsurvey/ohtdata.shtml](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dhs/ph/chs/youthsurvey/ohtdata.shtml)
- <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/HealthyPeopleFamilies/Youth/HealthSchool/SchoolBasedHealthCenters/Documents/SBHC%20Certification/MinorConsent2012.pdf>

# Confidentiality

- Confidentiality is a major concern of adolescents
- It is a reason for foregoing contraceptive care
- Confidentiality concerns are heightened among adolescents from underrepresented minority groups:
  - Those involved with the juvenile justice system; lesbian, bisexual, and transgender; and lower income youth

## Adolescents Surveyed said:

If parental notification were required for prescriptive contraceptives

- 1% said they would stop having vaginal sex
- 59% said they would stop using all clinic services

# Confidentiality

- All Title X providers must follow federal regulations regarding confidentiality
- Recommend an office policy that explicitly describes confidential services



# Confidentiality

- Discuss (and document) confidentiality with patients and families during early adolescence to set expectations about the transition from childhood to adolescence.
- Adhere to policies regarding confidential SRH services in electronic health records, encounter sheets, clinical and laboratory billing practices, and receipt of explanation of benefits

# Sexual History Taking

Adolescents report that providers:

- are a highly trusted source of sexual health and other confidential information.
- understand their problems, ease their worries, and allow them to make treatment decisions.

# Sexual History Taking

- Guidelines require that the sexual history be taken with the adolescent alone.
- Key to history taking is an honest, caring, nonjudgmental attitude and a comfortable, matter-of-fact approach to asking questions.

# Condom/ Use of Dual Method

- Every Adolescent
- Every and any type of visit
- Increases effectiveness of contraception
- Protects against STDs
- Teach how to use a condom
- Dispense condoms
- Teach condom come-backs

# Motivational Interviewing

- Empathetic and nonjudgmental
- Open ended questions--Careful listening
- Unconditional positive regard for the adolescent
- A safe nonthreatening environment
- Engage adolescents in their own behavior change

# Motivational Interviewing

- Ask adolescents about their goals; help them identify inconsistencies between their goals and current behavior
- “Roll with resistance,” or avoid direct confrontation if resistance is met
- Wait for adolescents to find their own answers rather than pointing them out



U.S. Medical Eligibility for Contraceptive Use

U.S. Selected Practice Recommendations

Providing Quality Family Planning Services

# UTILIZE NATIONAL GUIDELINES



# CDC Resources

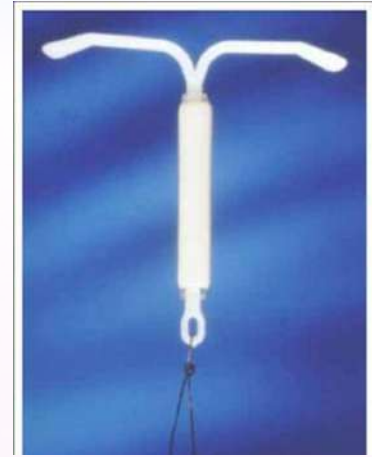
<https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/contraception/mmwr/mec/summary.html>





# **CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED RISK FOR ADVERSE HEALTH EVENTS AS A RESULT OF PREGNANCY**

- Breast cancer
- Complicated valvular heart disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes: insulin dependent; with nephropathy, retinopathy, or neuropathy or other vascular disease; or of >20 years' duration
- Endometrial or ovarian cancer
- Epilepsy
- Hypertension (systolic  $\geq 160$  mm Hg or diastolic  $\geq 100$  mm Hg)



- History of bariatric surgery within the past 2 years
- HIV: not clinically well or not receiving antiretroviral therapy
- Ischemic heart disease
- Gestational trophoblastic disease
- Hepatocellular adenoma and malignant liver tumors (hepatoma)
- Peripartum cardiomyopathy



- Schistosomiasis with fibrosis of the liver
- Severe (decompensated) cirrhosis
- Sickle cell disease
- Solid organ transplantation within the past 2 years
- Stroke
- Systemic lupus erythematosus
- Thrombogenic mutations
- Tuberculosis



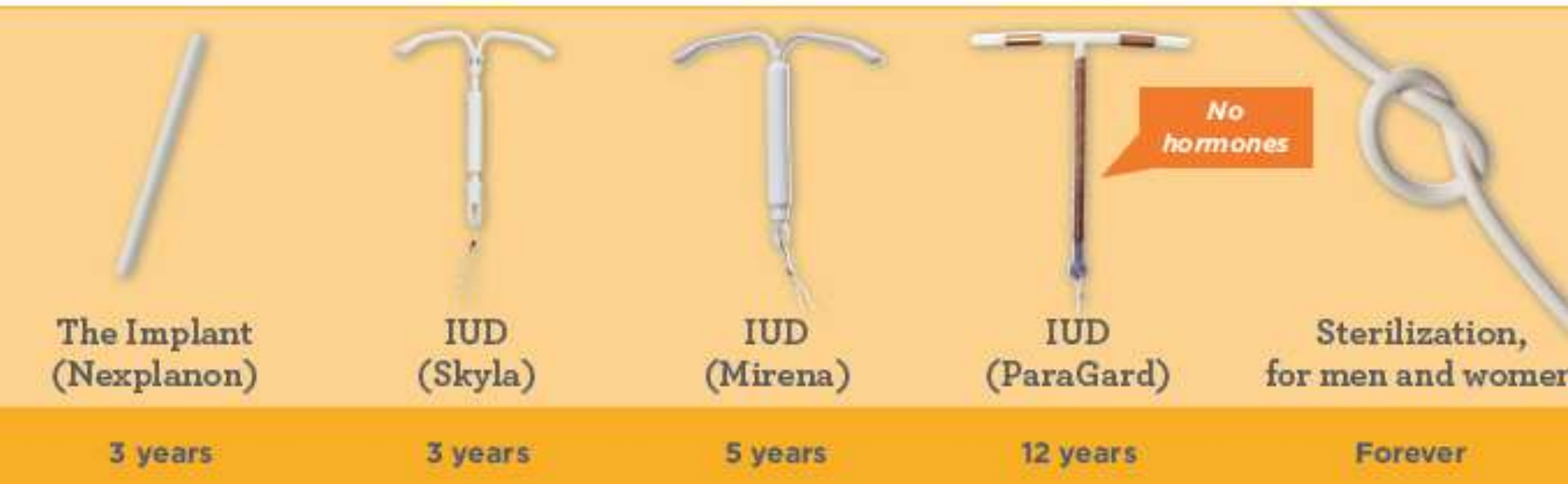
# Risks of Pregnancy with Advanced Maternal Age

- Increased obstetric morbidity, mortality and interventions
- Higher perinatal complications
- Increased rate of chromosomal defects
- Increased preterm birth risk
- Ectopic pregnancy risk increases to 7% by age 44 or older
- Higher C-Section rate

# Spontaneous Abortion

- Mean fetal loss rate between 12 and 28 weeks → 3.86%
- Fetal loss increased with maternal age:  
Age >40 years old: → 50%

# TOP TIER



<1% failure

# Why Do These Methods Work So Well?

- No repeated action needed on the part of the users for the method to work
- “Place it and forget it”
- A single act of motivation
- Reduced need to access health care



# Cost

Top tier methods are the most cost-effective contraceptive methods available in the United States

# Permanent Contraception

- Female: Tubal ligation
  - Fallopian tubes are occluded
  - Severed and cauterized or sealed, clamped
  - With clips, rings, sutures
- Male: Vasectomy
  - Each vas deferens is blocked (plural deferentia)
  - Severed and occluded
  - Sutures, cautery, clamp



**Happily Shooting Blanks**

# Calculate It In One Year



- 1000 women use condoms = 150 pregnancies
- 1000 women use pills = 90 pregnancies
- 1000 women use LARC = 1 pregnancy
- 1000 vasectomies = 1<sup>x</sup>

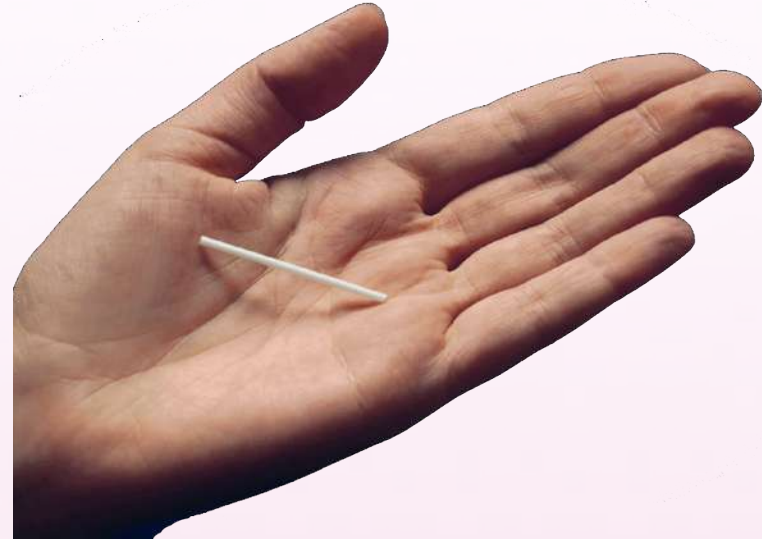
<sup>x</sup> ≠ number of partners **1 X 1 will always = 1**

# Effectiveness and Continuation Rates

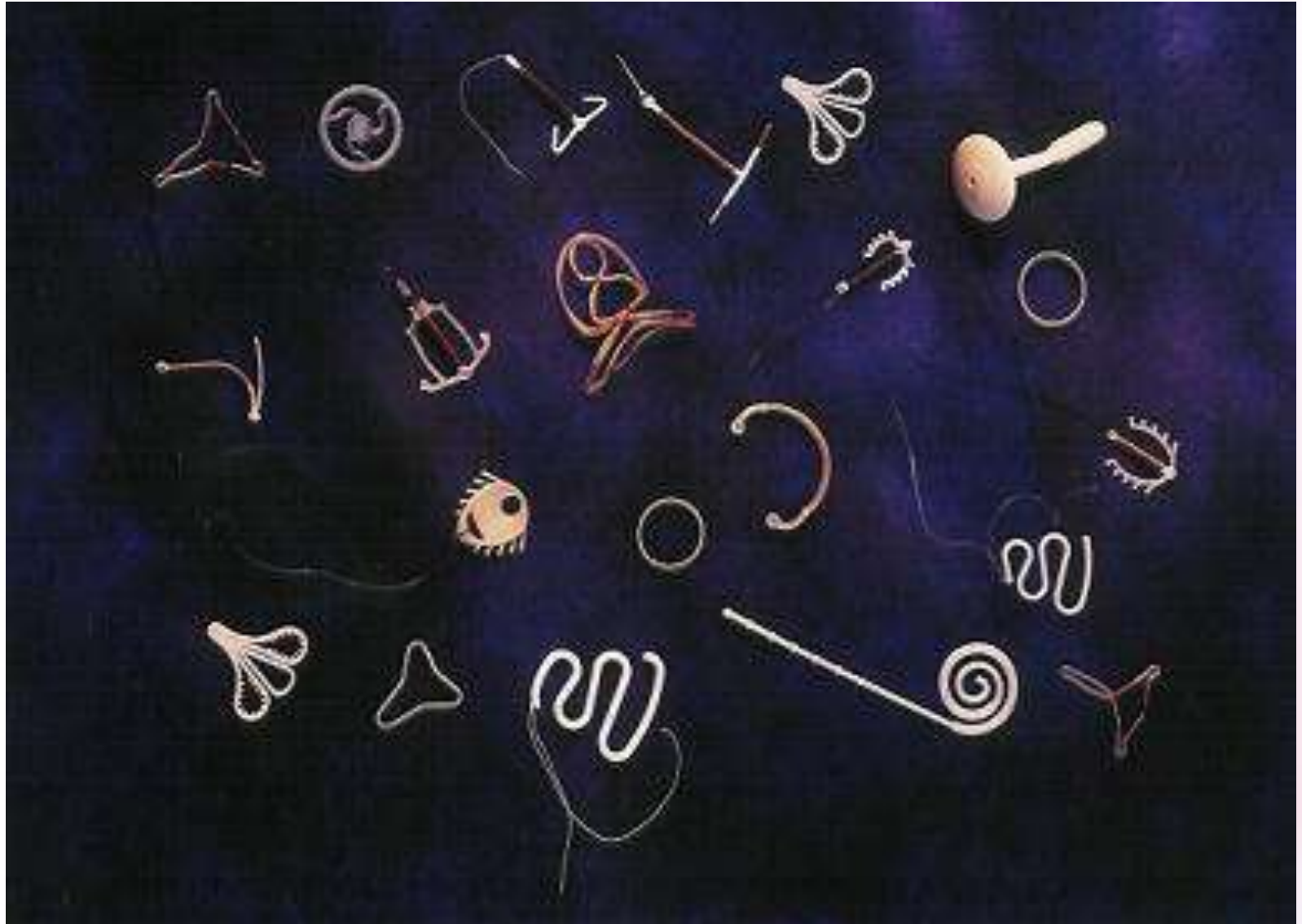
|                      | Perfect Use | Typical Use | Continuation rate |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| ENG Implant          | 0.05        | 0.05        | 84%               |
| Male sterilization   | 0.10        | 0.15        | 100%              |
| IUC                  |             |             |                   |
| •LNG 20 IUD          | 0.2         | 0.2         | 80%               |
| •Cu IUD              | 0.6         | 0.8         | 78%               |
| •LNG 13.5 IUD*       | 0.4         |             |                   |
| Female sterilization | 0.5         | 0.5         | 100%              |
| DMPA                 | 0.2         | 6.0         | 56%               |
| OCs, Patch, Ring     | 0.3         | 9.0         | 67%               |

# Single-rod Etonogestrel (ENG) Implant

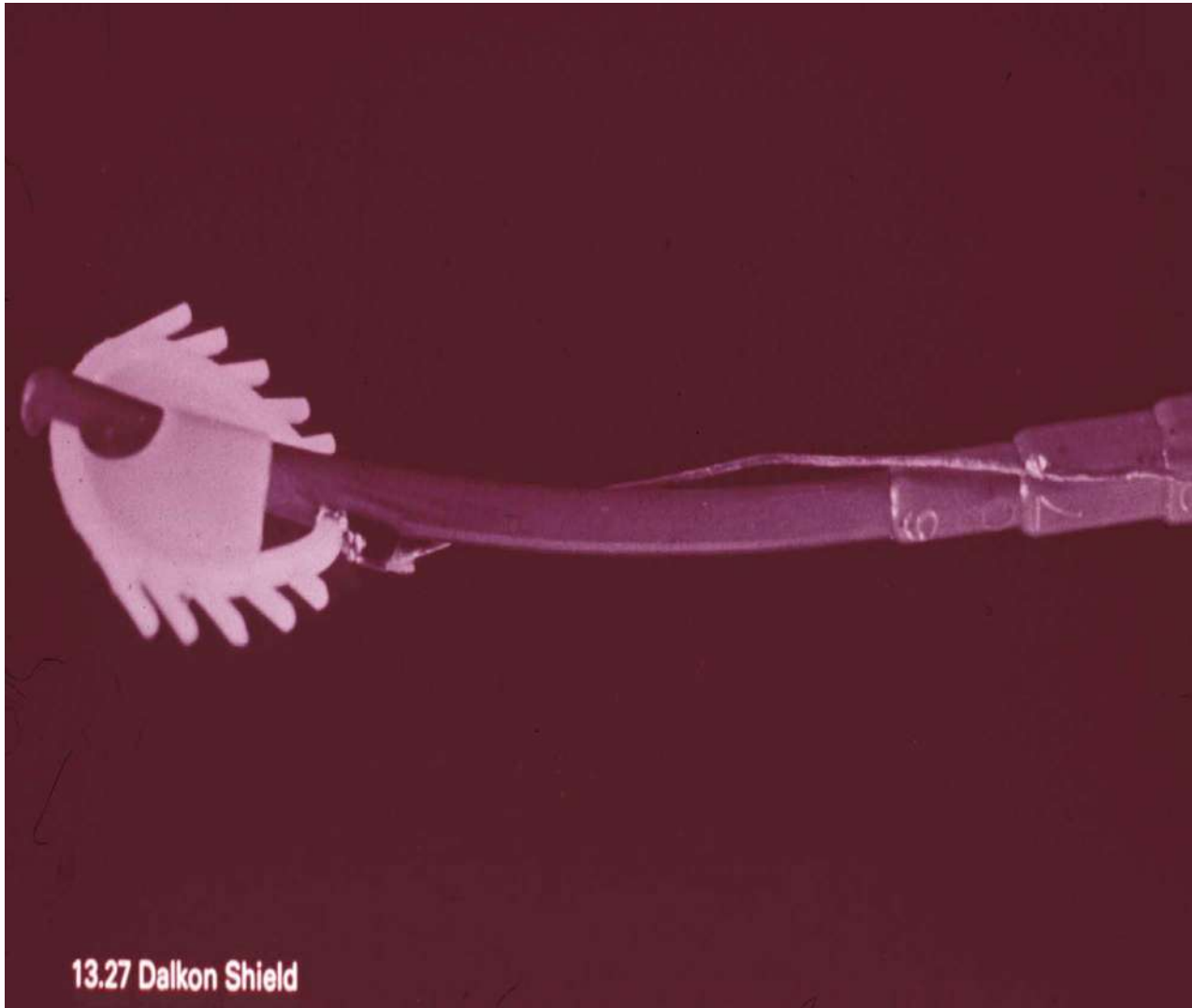
- Most effective method
- Suppression of ovulation
- Thickens cervical mucous
- Progestin only – NO estrogen
- Moderate progestin dose does not cause hypo-estrogenic state



# Intrauterine Contraception

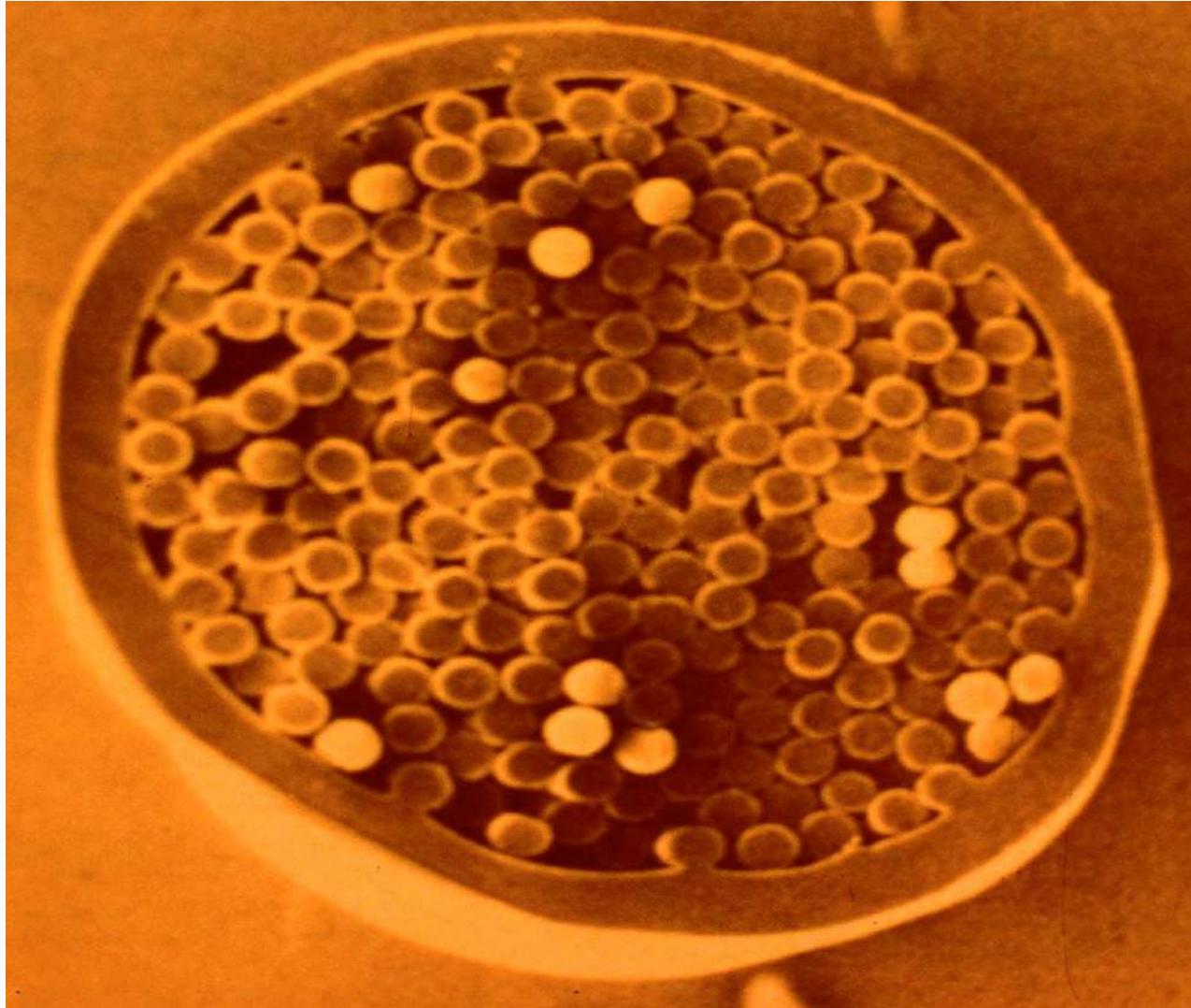


# Dalkon Shield

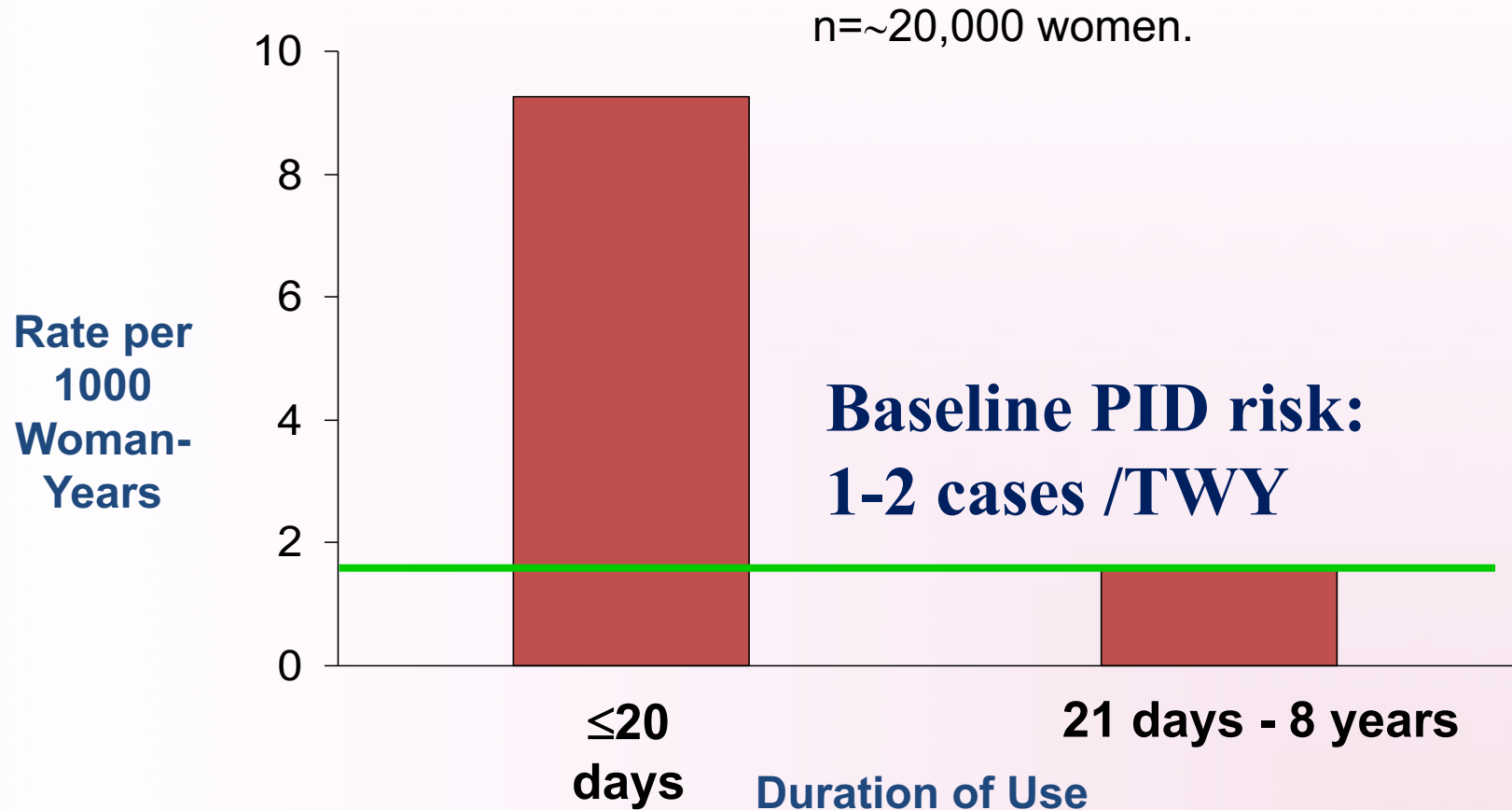




# Dalkon Shield- multi-filament string

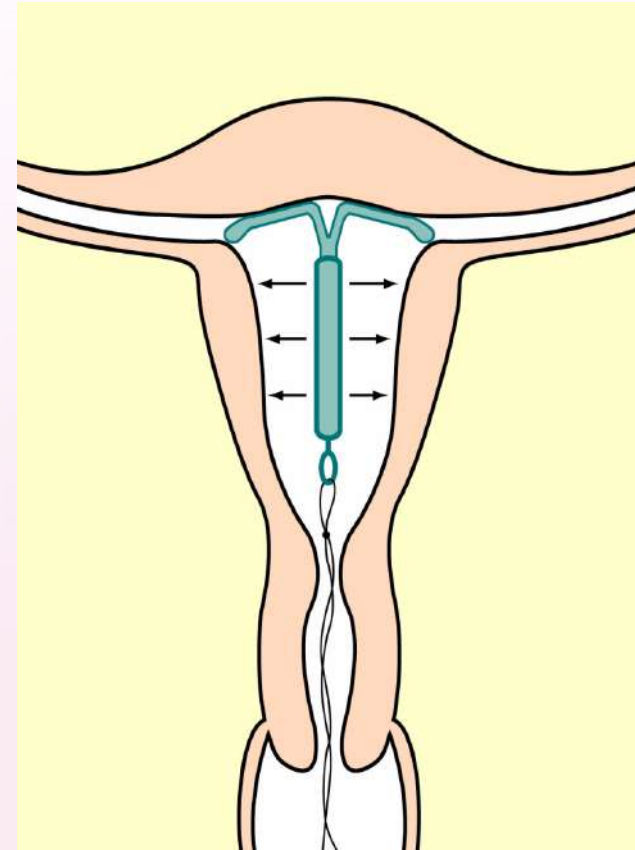


# Rate of PID by Duration of IUC Use



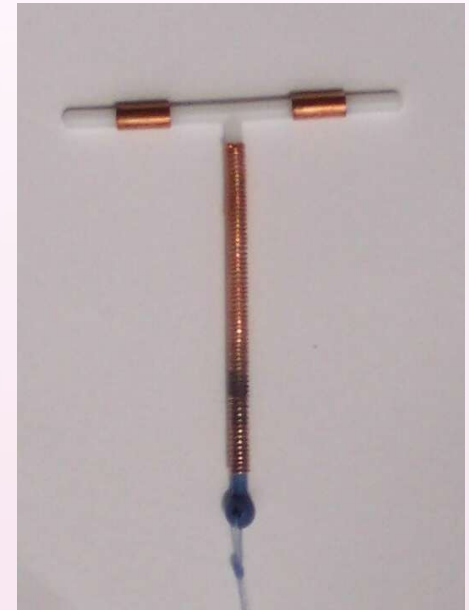
# LNG IUDs: Mechanism of Action

- Cervical mucus thickened
- Sperm motility and function inhibited
- Unlikely secondary mechanism of action
  - Endometrium suppressed
  - Ovulation inhibited occasionally for LNG 20



# Cu IUD: Mechanism of Action

- Primary mechanism is prevention of fertilization
  - Spermicidal, reduces motility and viability of sperm
  - Inhibits development of ova
- Possible secondary mechanism inhibition of implantation



Weight

Timing

Efficacy

# **APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION**

# Oral EC: Less or NOT Effective



- BMI of 26, 70 kg (**154 lbs**)

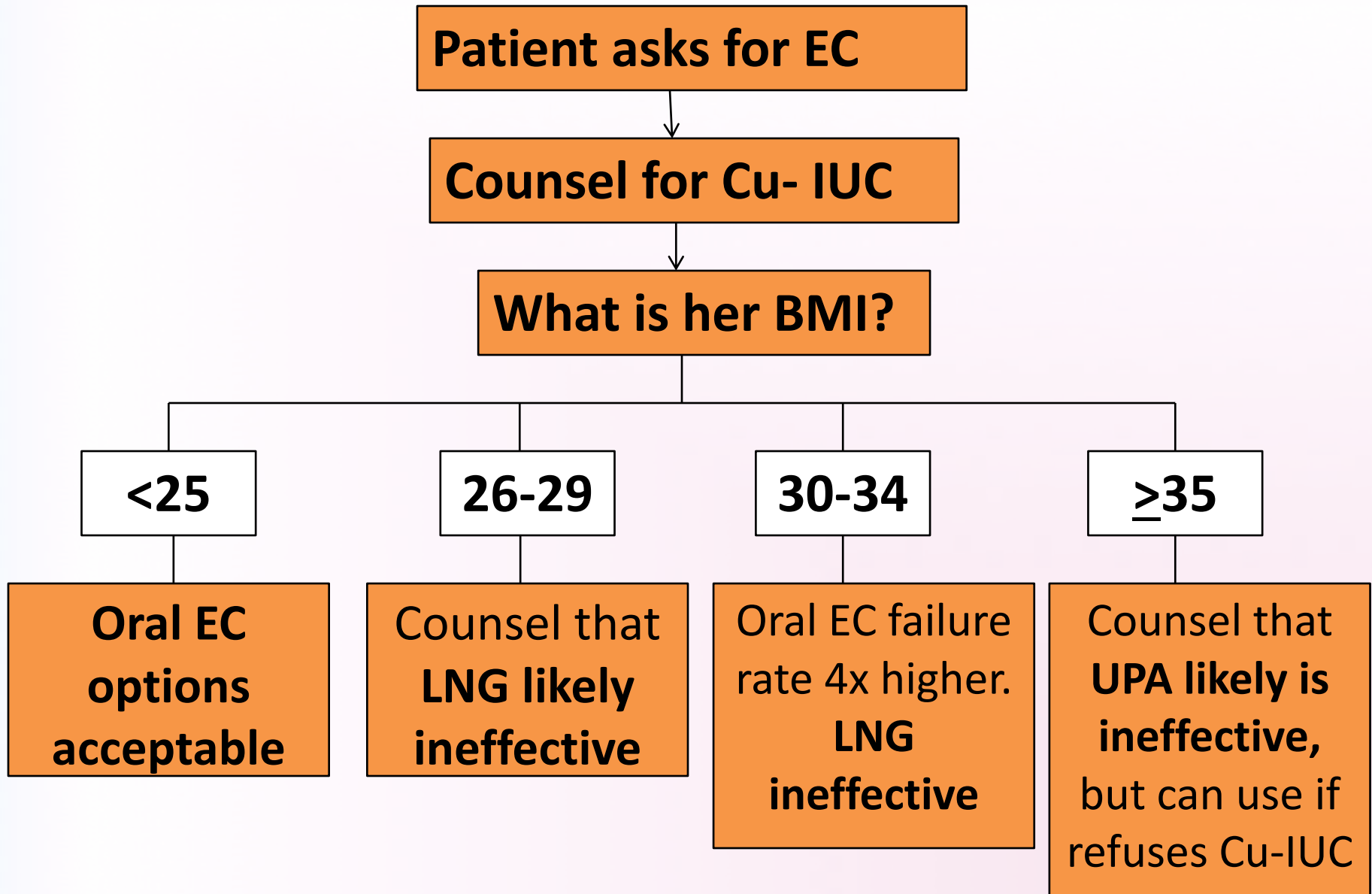
Levonorgestrel

(Plan B One-Step<sup>®</sup> Next Choice One Dose<sup>™</sup>)

- BMI 35, 88 kg (**194 lbs**)

Ulipristal Acetate (Ella<sup>®</sup>)

- Highest risk for pregnancy is unprotected sex  
**subsequent to EC use**



(Festin, 2017; Gemzell-Danielsson, 2015; Glasier, 2010, 2014, 2015; Kapp et al., 2015; Praditpan et al. 2017; Rapkin RB, 2011)



# Starting Hormonal Contraception After Using Oral EC

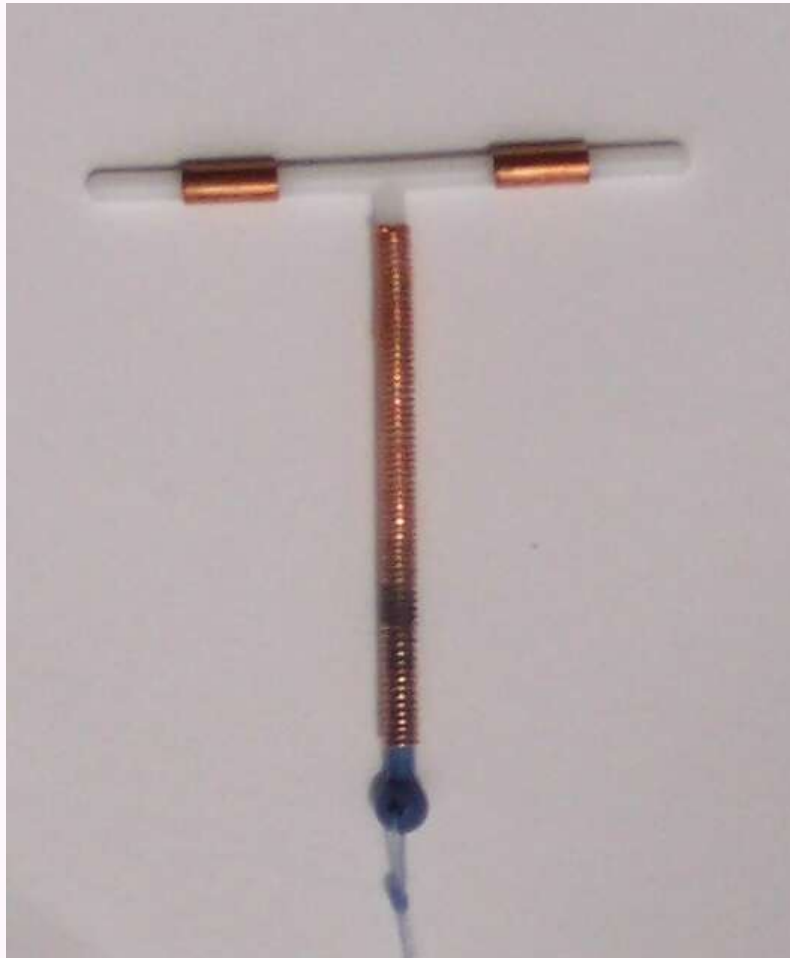
- Levonorgestrel
  - Do not wait to start or re-start
  - Preferred when EC used due to incorrect use of a hormonal method
- Ulipristal Acetate
  - Wait 5 days after last unprotected coitus before starting Implant, LNG IUD, DMPA, CHC, POP



# Otherwise, the Rule is...

- Quick start all methods
- Rule out pregnancy before IUD placement
- Back-up for 7 days

# Cu IUD Has No Decrease in EC Efficacy



# CU IUD as EC

## US SPR says...

- Within 5 days of the first act of unprotected sexual intercourse
- If the day of ovulation can be estimated, the Cu-IUD also can be inserted >5 days after sexual intercourse
- As long as placement does not occur >5 days after ovulation



# US Medical Eligibility Criteria

| Category | Definition   | Recommendation                                     |
|----------|--|--|
| 1        | No restriction in contraceptive use  | Use the method                                     |
| 2        | Advantages generally outweigh theoretical or proven risks                  | More than usual follow-up needed                   |
| 3        | Theoretical or proven risks outweigh advantages of the method              | Clinical judgment that this patient can safely use |
| 4        | The condition represents an unacceptable health risk if the method is used | Do not use the method                              |

# US MEC Differences

- DMPA  $<18$  or  $\geq 45$  years old 2
- LNG and Copper IUD  $<20$  years old 2

# Safest methods

- **No** difference in US MEC classification by age
  - Implant
  - Progestin only pills
- **But...** Unpredictable bleeding may be confusing and potentially obscure endometrial hyperplasia



# Non Hormonal Methods

Multiple risk factors

*Older age, smoking, DM, low HDL, high LDL, high TG*

**No difference in MEC category**



# Concern for Efficacy

## Fertility Awareness–Based Methods

- US MEC Gives a **C for Caution** for FAB methods
- Clarification: Menstrual irregularities are common in perimenopause and might complicate the use of FAB methods.





# Multiple risk factors

*Older age, smoking, DM, low HDL, high LDL, high TG*

- Implant 2
- DMPA 3
- POP 2
- LNG IUD 2



Pills, Patches, Ring

# COMBINED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES

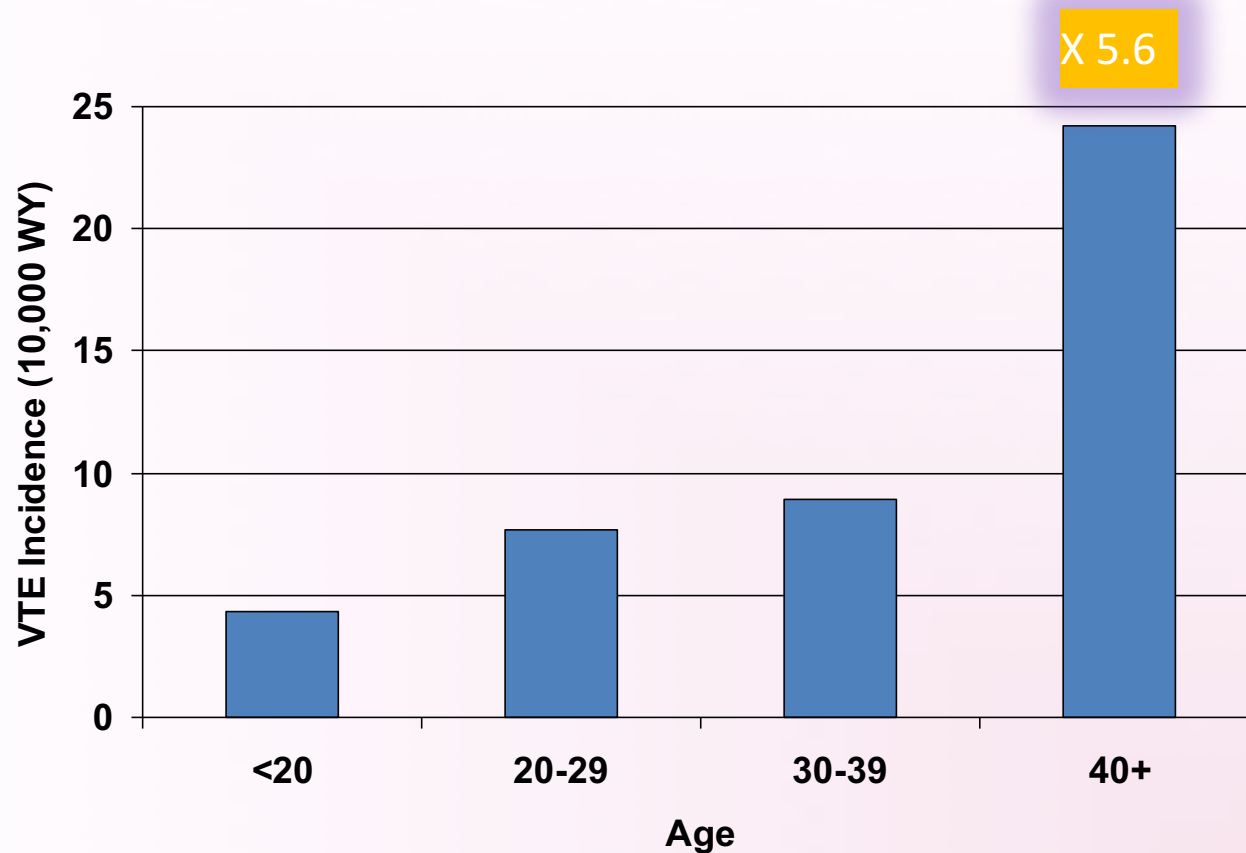


# Combined Hormonal Contraceptives

- $\geq 40$  2
- Plus “multiple risk factors”:

*Older age, smoking, DM, low HDL, high LDL, high TG*

- 3 or 4
- 30–42 days postpartum 3



The European Active Surveillance study (EURAS): VTE Incidence vs. Age

# DMPA



- Women lose BMD while using DMPA
- Women regain BMD after discontinuing DMPA
- 2 year limit for adolescents is relative
- Not known if DMPA users can regain BMD to baseline before menopause
- DMPA-associated ↓ BMD & future fracture risk needs further study
- ***This concern does not apply to other “progestin-only” methods***

# Breast Cancer & Hormonal Contraception

- DMPA
  - No overall  $\uparrow$  risk of breast cancer
  - Initiation of DMPA  $\leq 5$  years a 2-fold  $\uparrow$  risk
  - Possibly due to  $\uparrow$  detection or acceleration in growth of pre-existing tumors
- CHC
  - Conflicting data
  - Most studies show no increased risk
  - When increased, it is *current* use in older women
- POPs
  - Little data
  - $\uparrow$  risk if use within the last 10 years
  - $\downarrow$  risk if used POPs earlier

# **NON-CONTRACEPTIVE BENEFITS**

# Ah!...to be young again

- Acne
- Dysmenorrhea
- Menstrual irregularities
- Heavy menstrual bleeding





# The Joy of Perimenopause

- Decreased progesterone: normal estradiol
- 11% with major depression
- Anovulation in 50% with occasional ovulatory events
- Menorrhagia or metrorrhagia in 45%-67%
- Vasomotor symptoms in 25%-73%
- Mastalgia
- Premenstrual symptoms 18%
- Hirsutism, irritability and acne
- Vulvovaginal dryness 48%

# Non-Contraceptive Benefits

## LNG IUC

- Decreased
  - Menorrhagia
  - Dysmenorrhea
  - Long term risk of endometrial cancer
  - No adverse effect on BMD
- Can be left in place during and after transition to menopause for use with ET



# LNG IUC

## Additional Therapeutic Use

- Symptomatic fibroids
- Endometrial hyperplasia
- Symptomatic endometriosis, adenomyosis



# Non-Contraceptive Benefits Implant

- Reliable ovulation suppression
- Decreased dysmenorrhea
- Likely reduction in risk of endometrial cancer and ovarian cancer



# Non-Contraceptive Benefits CHC

- Regulates and schedules bleeding
- Avoids AUB (abnormal uterine bleeding)
- Reduced dysmenorrhea
- Improvement in benign breast disease
  - Breast tenderness, fibroadenoma, chronic cystic disease
- Control of acne and hirsutism
- Reduction in PMS/PMDD sx
- Stabilization of BMD



# Mid-life Women

## Non-Contraceptive Benefits CHC

- Improved quality of life
- Treatment of depression in symptomatic, midlife women
- Reduction of vasomotor symptoms
- Improved vulvovaginal dryness



# FDA Indications



- Estradiol valerate (instead of ethinyl estradiol) branded COC indicated for the treatment of heavy menstrual bleeding
- Some COCs indicated to treat acne

# Branded pill



- 10 mcg EE/ 1 mg norethindrone acetate
- Will a very low dose of EE make a safety difference?
- No data indicating that it will



# Continuous Use

↓ Common Symptoms

- Avoids hormone withdrawal symptoms, ovarian cysts, discontinuation
- **PMS;**
  - Mood
  - Headaches
  - Pelvic pain/cramping
  - Bloating
- Best effect after 6 months



# Continuous Use

- Adenosis, endometriosis
- Leiomyoma
- Bleeding irregularities



# Ovarian and Endometrial Cancer Protection Likely Colon Cancer

Current or former COC use:

- Further ↓↓ with longer duration use
- Remained ↓↓ long after discontinuing use.

# Replace The IUC Over 40?

- Copper IUC:
  - 12 years considered standard
  - Likely good for 20
- Levonorgestrel 52
  - 7 to perhaps 8+ years
  - Lower dose levonorgestrel IUDs
    - No data on extended use







# Female Condom FC2

## Insertive Condom

- A thin nitrile sheath or pouch worn by a woman.
- At each end there is a flexible ring.
- Condom entirely lines the vagina.
- Helps to prevent pregnancy, STIs & HIV.
- Brand name Reality.



# Benefits for Younger & Older Women

- Comes with silicone-based lubricant on the inside
- Additional lubrication can be used. Does NOT have to be water soluble!
- Does not contain spermicide
- STI protection that doesn't rely on a partner or on the partner maintaining an erection



# U.S. Selected Practice Recommendations

Provides recommendations on optimal use of contraceptive methods for persons of all ages.



# “The Age At Which A Woman Is No Longer At Risk For Pregnancy Is Not Known.”

- Spontaneous pregnancies occur >44 years.
- The median age of menopause is 51 years
- In North America it can vary from ages 40 to 60 years.



# “Limited” Reproductive Potential

FSH  $\geq$  20 or antral follicle count <4-6

# No Further Need for Contraception

- $< 50$ : 2 years of Amenorrhea *or*  $\text{FSH} \geq 30$  on two occasions 6-8 weeks apart
- $\geq 50$ :
  - 1 year of amenorrhea *or*  $\text{FSH} \geq 30$  on two occasions 6-8 weeks apart
  - On CHC:  $\text{FSH} \geq 30$  on two occasions 6-8 weeks apart; 7-14 d after use
  - On DMPA:  $\text{FSH} \geq 30$  on two occasions 90 d apart on day of injection
  - On LNG IUD:  $\text{FSH} \geq 30$  on two occasions 6-8 weeks apart

# Questions?





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