

Postpartum Care in the Pregnancy Medical Home: Improving women's health and future pregnancy outcomes



Postpartum Care



- An opportunity for prevention
 - Address the many immediate needs
 - Address chronic conditions
 - Transition to well women care
 - The “first interconception care” visit
 - 40% of pregnant Medicaid patients lose coverage at the end of the postpartum period, so it may be the only visit
 - Of those who retain coverage, how many have an established relationship with a primary care provider?

Value of Interconception Care

- Management of modifiable risk factors for future pregnancy
 - Interventions to improve future pregnancy outcome
- Access to reproductive health care
 - Potential for fewer unintended pregnancies and for optimal birth spacing
- Higher likelihood of early prenatal care in future pregnancy
 - 1/3 of Medicaid pregnancies do not receive first trimester care

By the numbers...



- There were 120,948 births in NC in 2014
- 56,026 of NC births occurred to women with Medicaid coverage – 46.3 % of all NC births
 - Excludes 7,761 births (6.4%) to women with “emergency Medicaid” coverage for the delivery only
 - All of these women have postpartum coverage with no co-pay
- 10% of women with Medicaid coverage are pregnant again within 12 months of giving birth
 - Short inter-pregnancy interval (<18 months) is an independent predictor of preterm birth
 - Women with Medicaid coverage are already at an increased risk of preterm birth

Postpartum visit expectations

- HEDIS measure and Adult Core Measure for Medicaid healthcare quality
 - National HEDIS 2014 measure of postpartum visits between 21-65 days for Medicaid HMOs is 61.8%
 - NC Medicaid's 2014 rate using HEDIS method is 46.5%
- Postpartum visit within 60 days of delivery is core expectation of NC Pregnancy Medical Home providers

Postpartum visit measurement



- More than half of maternity care for NC Medicaid patients is billed using the global fee, a bundled code that does not capture the postpartum visit
 - Office visit and/or pap smear between 21-56 days postpartum counts as postpartum visit
- Pregnancy Medical Home created a unique claim for the \$150 postpartum incentive payment to better measure postpartum visits
 - PMH postpartum visit rate based on incentive payments is 42%
- What is the true rate for the Medicaid population?

Comprehensive postpartum visit: timing



“SIX ~~WEEK~~ VISIT”

Timing of Postpartum Care

Pregnancy Medical Home Care Pathway:

- **Recommend comprehensive visit for ALL women at 14-42 days post-delivery**
- **BP check at 7-10 days post-delivery (not post-discharge) for all patients with hypertensive disorders**
- **Diabetes screening at 6-12 weeks postpartum**
- **Perinatal mood disorder risk factors: screening 7-14 days post-delivery**

<https://www.communitycarenc.org/population-management/pregnancy-home/pmh-pathways/pmh-care-pathways-postpartum-care-and-transition-w/>

Comprehensive Postpartum Visit: Content

- Pregnancy and delivery review
- BP screening
- Depression screening and referral
- Reproductive life planning and access to contraception
- Immunization review and vaccination
- Breastfeeding support
- Smoking screening and counseling
- Healthy lifestyle evaluation and counseling
- Screening tests

Predictors of not having a postpartum visit

- Some women are less likely to receive a postpartum visit*:
 - Women whose pregnancies resulted in a low birth weight/preterm delivery
 - Older women, those with less than high school education, and multiparous women
 - Non-Hispanic Black women
 - Women who did not receive first trimester prenatal care
 - Women with chronic diabetes (but not gestational DM)

*CCNC analysis of data from Medicaid claims, birth certificates, and PMH risk screening forms

Pregnancy Medical Home Postpartum Quality Improvement Project:

A CCNC clinical priority in 2016



PMH Postpartum QI Project

Participants – THANK YOU!



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| ■ Ashley Women's Center | ■ Duke Perinatal | ■ Pinehurst Surgical |
| ■ Cabarrus Health Alliance | ■ Gaston County Health Department | ■ Premier Women's Health |
| ■ Cape Fear Valley OB/GYN | ■ Harnett OB/GYN | ■ Salisbury OB/GYN |
| ■ Carmel OB/GYN | ■ Lyndhurst OB/GYN | ■ Sampson County Health Department |
| ■ Carolina Women's Health Associates | ■ MAHEC OB/GYN | ■ Shelby Women's Care |
| ■ Carolina Women's Health Center | ■ McDowell OB/GYN | ■ Southeast OB/GYN |
| ■ Carteret OB/GYN | ■ Piedmont Healthcare Women's Center | ■ UNC |
| ■ Catawba Women's Center | ■ Mt. Airy OB/GYN | ■ Wake Forest Baptist Health (MFM) |
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PMH Postpartum QI Project Goals



1. Improve data quality

- Use CCNC data reports to identify changes coding/billing processes to increase the alignment between completed postpartum visits and paid PMH incentives
- “Win-win” – increased revenue to practice and improved accuracy of PMH data

2. Increase the number of Medicaid patients who receive a postpartum visit

- Test practice-specific strategies to increase adherence to the postpartum visit

Postpartum Tests of Change



- Scheduling of visit:
 - During late third trimester prenatal visit
 - Prior to hospital discharge – By whom? How?
 - Within 1 week of hospital discharge
- Timing of visit:
 - Schedule all visits at 21 days postpartum
 - 14 days or 28 days depending on contraceptive method
- Outreach:
 - Reminder calls, texts, postcards
 - Care manager
 - Immediate callbacks for missed visits – by whom?

Postpartum Tests of Change



- Education:
 - Importance of postpartum visit and what happens
 - Early and often during prenatal care
 - Difference between incision check/BP check and comprehensive visit
- Special considerations:
 - Postpartum sterilization procedures
 - Coordination of antepartum/intrapartum/postpartum transitions for patients not delivered by their prenatal care provider

Access to Highly Effective Contraception in the Postpartum

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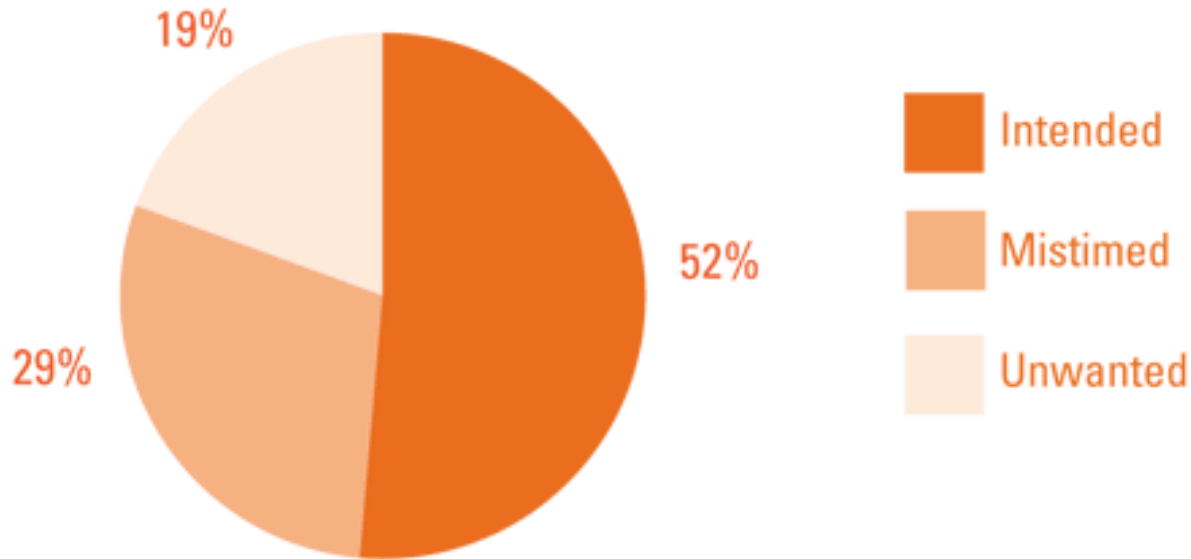
Objectives

- Background: Unintended pregnancy & rapid, repeat pregnancy
- LARC: Long-acting reversible contraception
 - Intrauterine contraception
 - Contraceptive implants
 - New opportunities: postpartum LARC
 - Breastfeeding in the postpartum
 - Implications in perinatal health
- Reproductive Justice:
 - Sterilization/ Patient-centered counseling

Unintended pregnancy

Pregnancies by Intention Status

Nearly half of pregnancies are unintended.

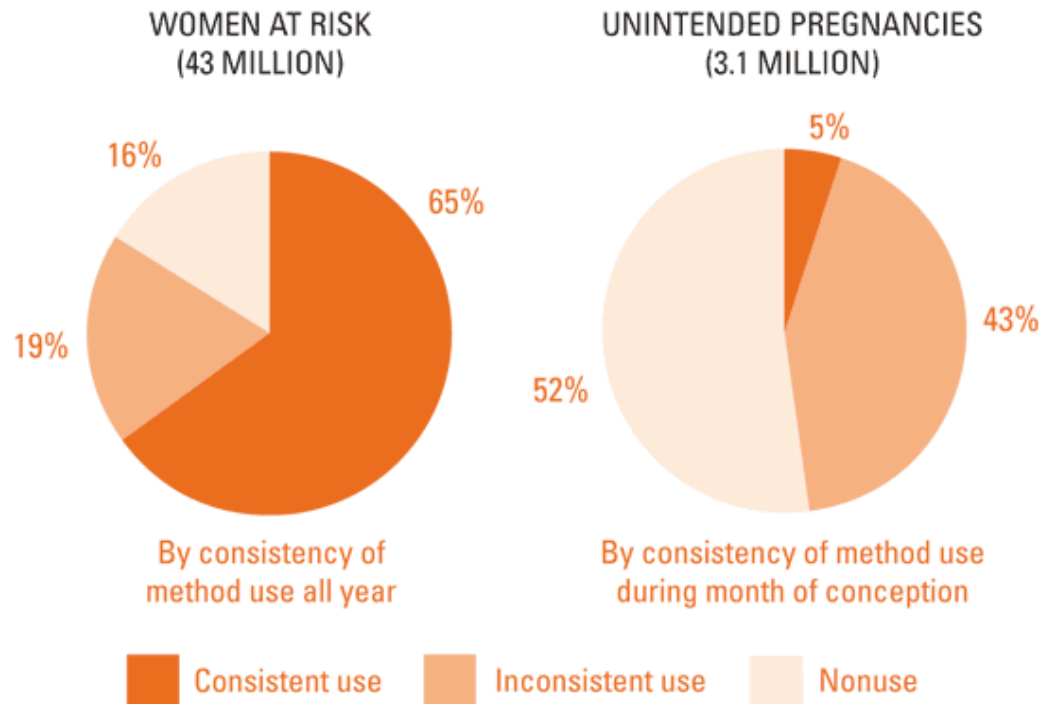


Note: Percentages do not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Unintended pregnancy

Contraception Works

The two-thirds of U.S. women at risk of unintended pregnancy who practice contraception consistently and correctly account for only 5% of unintended pregnancies.

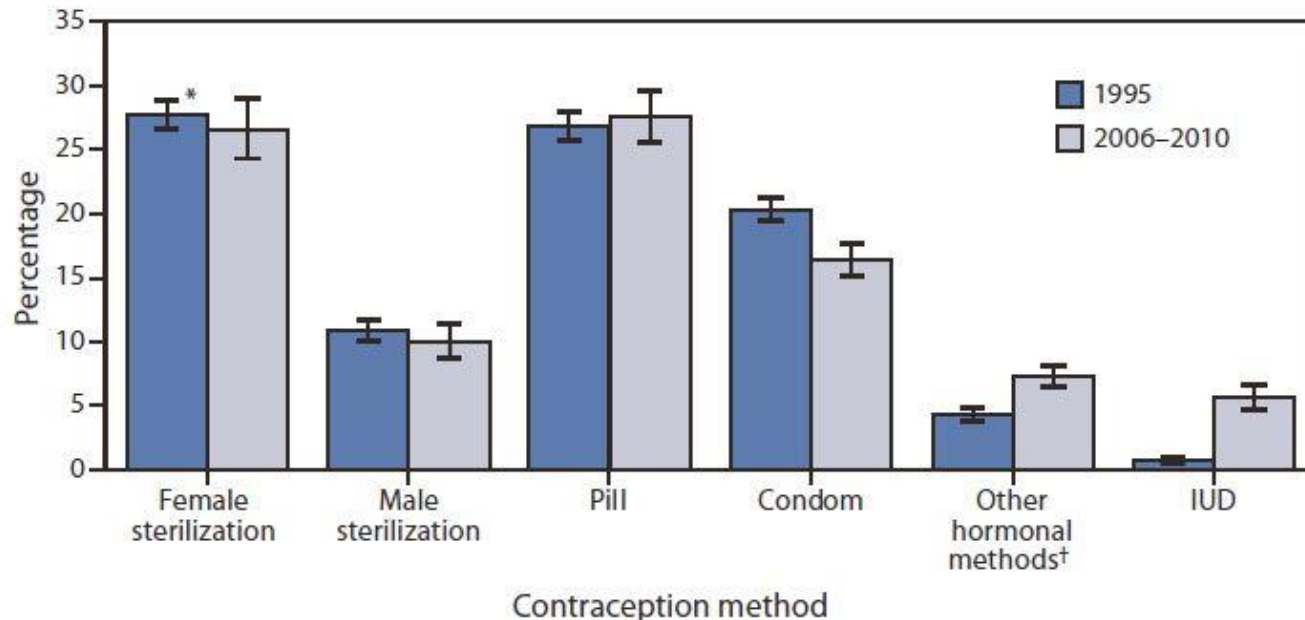


Contraception in the US?

QuickStats: Use of Selected Contraception Methods Among Women Aged 15-44 Years Currently Using Contraception — National Survey of Family Growth, United States, 1995 and 2006-2010

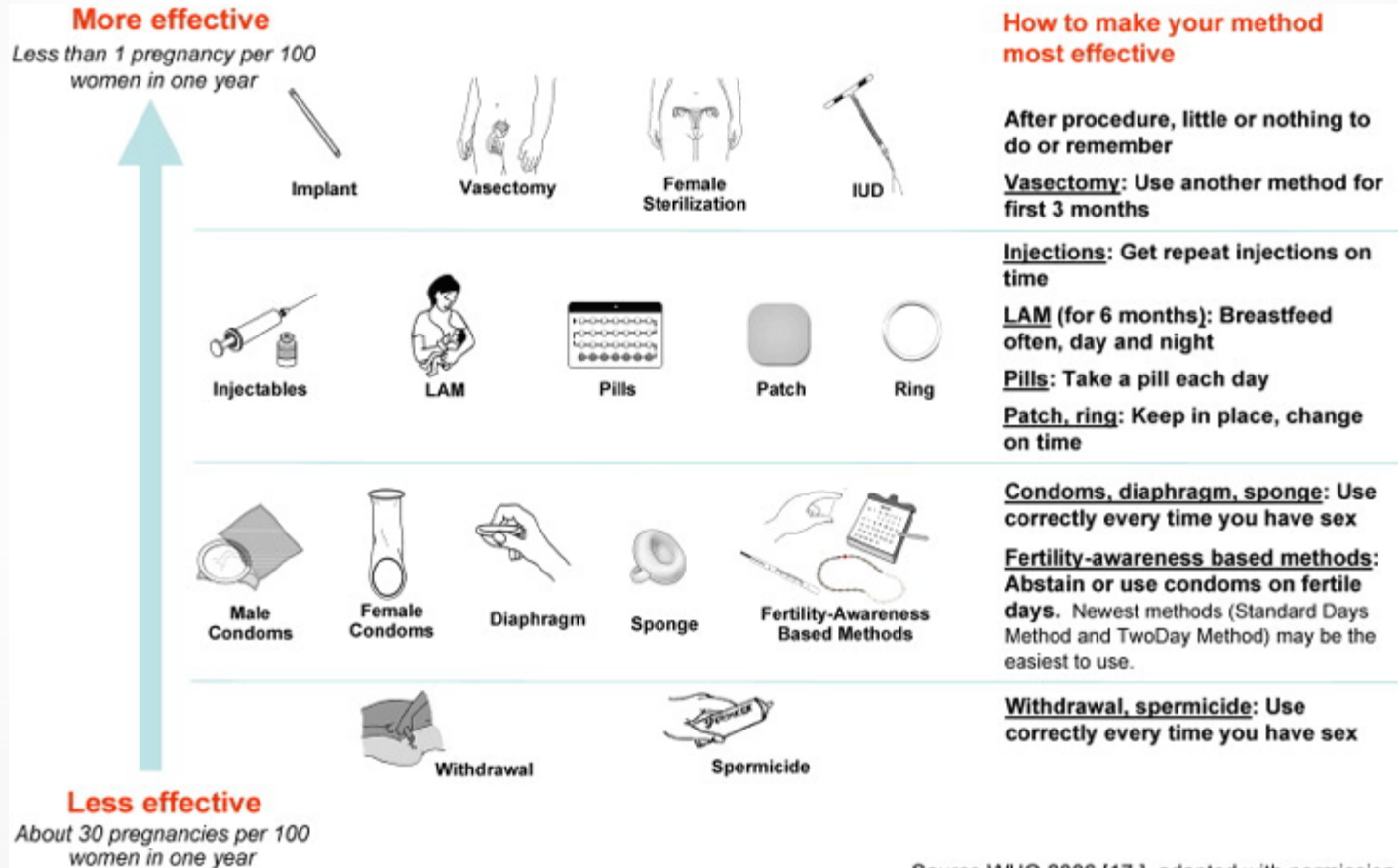
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Abbreviation: IUD = intrauterine device.

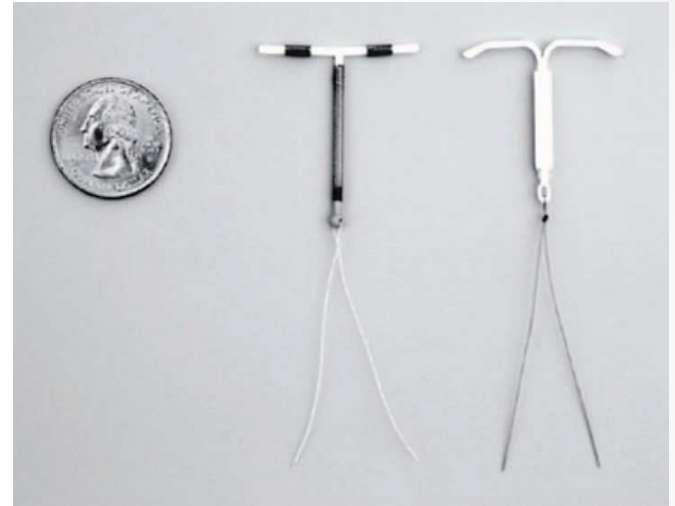
Effectiveness by tiers



Source WHO 2006 [17], adapted with permission

Why LARC is Preferred?

- No daily / weekly / monthly medications
- No coitus specific actions
- Always perfect use



Available LARC

Nexplanon[®]

(etonogestrel implant) 68mg
Radiopaque

 Mirena[®]
(levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system) 20g/day

Liletta[™] 
(levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system) **52 mg**

ParaGard^{T 380A} 
intrauterine copper contraceptive

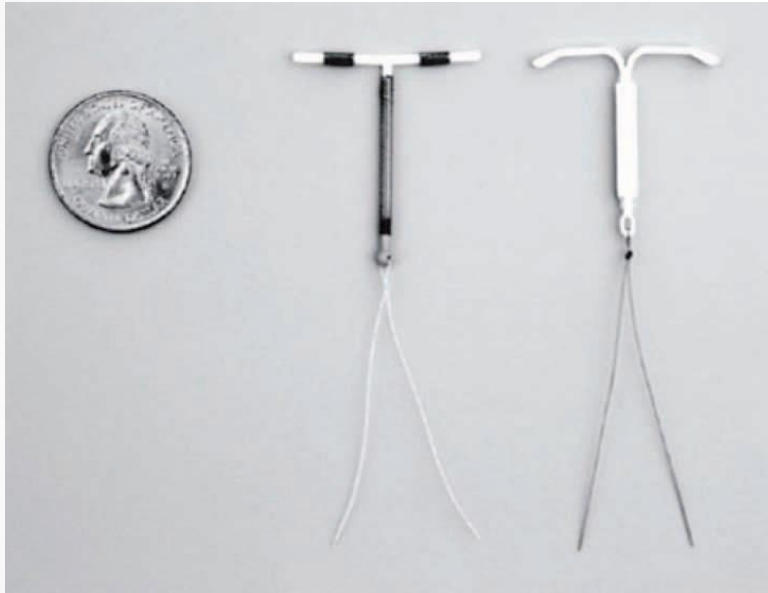
Skyla[™] 
(levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system) 13.5 mg

Risk of rapid, repeat pregnancy

- Optimal interpregnancy interval:
 - 18 months – 5 years
 - Reduction in preterm birth
- 38% of US pregnancies have short intervals
- LARC: demonstrated reduction in rapid, repeat pregnancy
- State-wide data (CA) showed improved ideal birth spacing with LARC

LARC

LARC: Long-acting reversible contraception



LARC: IUD's

- Efficacy: 99%
- 2 types: Copper and medicated (progesterone)
- Duration of use: 3-10 years
- Contraindications:
 - Active uterine infection or cancer
 - Severe uterine distortion
 - Allergy to IUD components
 - Liver disease or hormonal cancer (progesterone)
 - Copper allergy (copper)

LARC: Implant

- Efficacy: 99%
- Only 1 in use in the U.S.: Nexplanon
- Duration of use: 3 years
- Contraindications:
 - Blood clots
 - Breast cancer
 - Liver disease
 - Hypersensitivity to any component

LARC: Evidence

- Supported by ACOG & AAP
- 2 large studies have recently demonstrated impact
- CHOICE Project, St. Louis:
 - 10,000 patients
 - 75% LARC uptake
 - Reduction of main barriers:
 - Provider education
 - Patient education
 - Cost

LARC: Evidence

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Effectiveness of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception

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LARC: Evidence

2 large studies have recently demonstrated impact

- CHOICE Project, St. Louis:
 - 10,000 patients
 - 75% LARC uptake
- Colorado: Offered > 30,000 LARC devices
 - 40% reduction in teen birth

Postpartum LARC

- Fertile population
- Patients with contraceptive insurance coverage
- Multiple interactions with healthcare team
 - Ability to address contraception
- Motivated to consider reproductive life planning
- Challenges:
 - Reimbursement
 - Provider and patient education about safety
 - Changing practice patterns

CDC's Medical Eligibility Criteria (MEC)

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | No restriction for the use of the contraceptive method for a woman with that condition |
| 2 | Advantages of using the method generally outweigh the theoretical or proven risks |
| 3 | Theoretical or proven risks of the method usually outweigh the advantages – not usually recommended unless more appropriate methods are not available or acceptable |
| 4 | Unacceptable health risk if the contraceptive method is used by a woman with that condition |

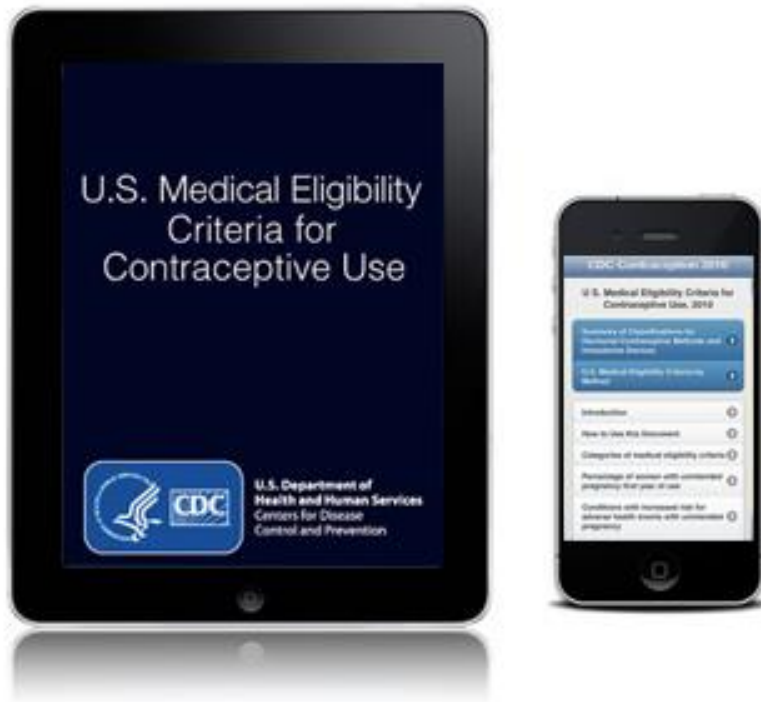
TABLE 3. Summary of recommendations and risk classifications* for hormonal contraceptive methods and intrauterine devices during the postpartum period

| Condition | COC/P/R | POP | DMPA | Implants | LNG-IUD | Cu-IUD |
|---|----------------|-----|------|----------|---------|--------|
| Postpartum (nonbreastfeeding women) | | | | | | |
| a. <21 days | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| b. 21 days to 42 days | | | | | | |
| i. With other risk factors for VTE (such as age ≥ 35 years, previous VTE, thrombophilia, immobility, transfusion at delivery, BMI ≥ 30 , postpartum hemorrhage, postcesarean delivery, preeclampsia or smoking) | 3 ⁺ | 1 | | 1 | | |
| ii. Without other risk factors for VTE | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| c. >42 days | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Postpartum (breastfeeding women [§]) | | | | | | |
| a. <21 days | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| b. 21 to <30 days | | | | | | |
| i. With other risk factors for VTE (such as age ≥ 35 years, previous VTE, thrombophilia, immobility, transfusion at delivery, BMI ≥ 30 kg/m ² , postpartum hemorrhage, postcesarean delivery, preeclampsia or smoking) | 3 ⁺ | 2 | | 2 | | |
| ii. Without other risk factors for VTE | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| c. 30--42 days | | | | | | |
| i. With other risk factors for VTE (such as age ≥ 35 years, previous VTE, thrombophilia, immobility, transfusion at delivery, BMI ≥ 30 , postpartum hemorrhage, postcesarean delivery, preeclampsia or smoking) | 3 ⁺ | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| ii. Without other risk factors for VTE | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| d. >42 days | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Postpartum (breastfeeding or nonbreastfeeding women, including postcesarean delivery) | | | | | | |
| a. <10 min after delivery of the placenta | | | | | 2 | 1 |
| b. 10 min after delivery of the placenta to <4 wks | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| c. ≥ 4 wks | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| d. Puerperal sepsis | | | | | 4 | 4 |

Abbreviations: COC = combined oral contraceptives; P = combined hormonal patch; R = combined vaginal ring; POP = progestin-only pill; DMPA = depot medroxyprogesterone acetate; IUD = intrauterine device; LNG-IUD = levonorgestrel-releasing IUD; Cu-IUD = copper-bearing IUD; VTE = venous thromboembolism; CHC = combined hormonal contraceptive; BMI = body mass index (weight [kg] / height [m²]).

CDC MEC: Free app

Mobile Apps



Available for iPad and iPhone

<http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/unintendedpregnancy/usmec.htm> ,

Or search: “CDC MEC app” – first hit

IUDs in the postpartum

When?

- Immediate postpartum (< 10 min after vaginal delivery)
- Early postpartum (<48 hrs after vaginal delivery)
- Intracesarean
- 2-3 weeks postpartum (supported by research)
- 4-6 weeks postpartum (standard)



IUD insertion training demonstration

Dr. Paul Blumenthal: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMcTsuf8XxQ>

IUDs in the postpartum: Immediate post-placental, vaginal delivery

- Within 10 min of placenta delivery
- Expulsion rates vary (10-38%)
 - High-risk patients: 50% no show
- Similar user rates at 6 months
 - High patient acceptability
- Learning curve of providers
 - Experience of clinician matters

IUDs in the postpartum:

Early postpartum, vaginal delivery

- Different than immediate post-placental:
 - < 48 hours postpartum, morning after delivery
- Higher expulsion rates: 5-70%
- Copper IUD less expulsion than LNG-IUS
- Learning curve of providers
 - Experience of clinician matters
- Increased role internationally

IUDs in the postpartum: Intracesarean

- Post-placental, at time of cesarean delivery
- Expulsion lower vs. post-placental vaginal insertion
- Requires minimal training
- Challenges:
 - String visibility in office
 - Reimbursement
 - Logistics

IUDs in the postpartum: 2-3 weeks postpartum

- Uterus 66% involuted, day 14 postpartum
- Pregnancy is physiologically impossible
- Benefit of a 2 week postpartum visit
 - Convenience for mom
 - Combining pediatric & maternal visits
- Recently published RCT supported its use (Baldwin)

IUDs in the postpartum: 6 weeks postpartum

- Standard protocol for most providers: 6 weeks
- Problems:
 - Ovulation in those not exclusively breast feeding
 - Resumption of intercourse
 - Poor adherence to 6-week visit among high-risk
 - 2 visit protocols
- Potential solution: 2-3 week visit with same day insertion

Postpartum LARC: Contraceptive Implant, Nexplanon

- CDC MEC:
 - Non-breastfeeding = 1
 - Breastfeeding = 2
 - RCT: No difference in breastfeeding when placed 1-3 days vs. 4-8 weeks postpartum
- Challenges:
 - Reimbursement
 - Hospital participation

Breastfeeding considerations

- Integrate into prenatal care
- ACOG/ AAP: 6 months exclusive, 12 months continuation
- Infant benefits, reductions:
 - Infectious risk (GI, otitis media, respiratory infections); chronic diseases (obesity, autoimmune conditions including asthma and diabetes mellitus type I); infant mortality from SIDS
- Maternal benefits, reductions:
 - Breast & ovarian cancer risk; diabetes mellitus type II; hypertension; hyperlipidemia; & cardiovascular diseases

Breastfeeding considerations: LARC

- Copper IUD (ParaGard): No concerns
- Levonorgestrel IUD:
 - Small systemic progesterone levels
 - Limited evidence, reduction in breastfeeding
 - Now with 3 available types in the US
- Contraceptive Implant (Nexplanon)
 - Higher systemic progesterone levels
 - Best evidence: no change in breastfeeding

Implications for perinatal health

- Importance of reproductive life planning
 - Improve unintended pregnancy rates
 - Focus on those with history of high risk pregnancy
 - Post-NICU clinics
- LARC – powerful tool
 - High efficacy & patient satisfaction
 - Few contraindications
- Partner with pediatricians, family medicine
- Advocate together for increased access
- Engage partners and family

Implications for perinatal health

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE *Fertility control*

Estimated disability-adjusted life years averted by long-term provision of long acting contraceptive methods in a Brazilian clinic

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Implications for perinatal health

- 50,000 charts included
- 20,000 using LARC or Depo > 1 year
- Prevented:
 - 37-60 maternal deaths
 - 315-424 child mortalities
 - 634-853 combined maternal morbidity and mortality w/ child mortality
 - 1056-1412 unsafe abortions

Implications for perinatal health

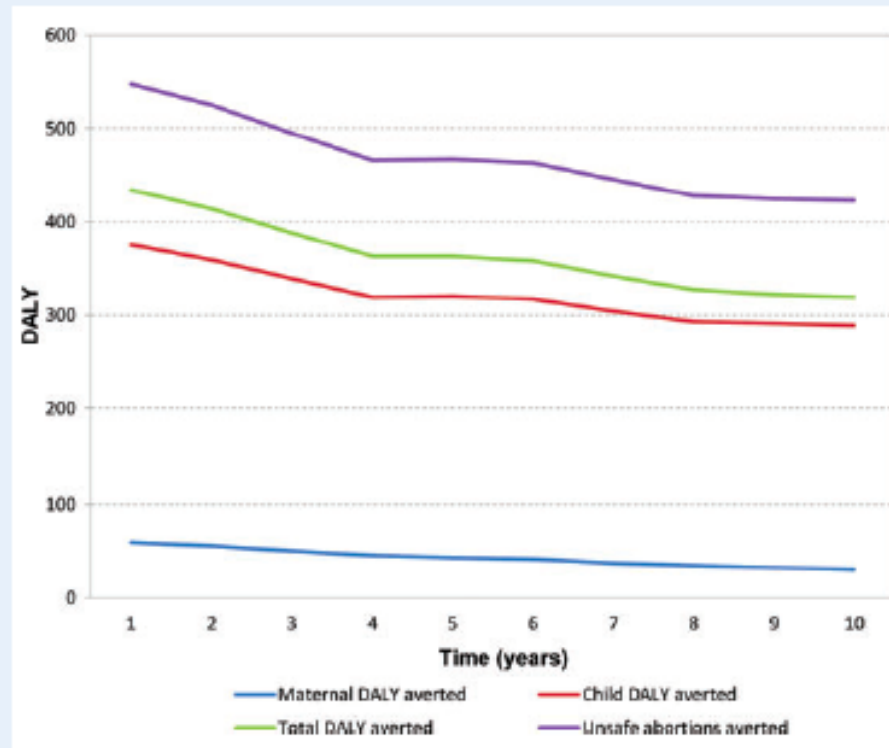


Figure 2 Estimated disability-adjusted life year (DALY)—maternal morbidity and mortality, child mortality, total mortality and unsafe abortions averted.

Reproductive justice

- “The economic, social and political power and resources to make healthy decisions about our bodies, sexuality and reproduction for ourselves, our families and our communities”
 - <http://strongfamiliesmovement.org/assets/docs/ACRJ-A-New-Vision.pdf>
- The right to have children, the right to not have children, the right to raise children with dignity and in safety

Reproductive Justice: Sterilization

- Tier 1
- High rates of failed sterilization requests
 - 54% in one recent study, follows vaginal delivery
- Women desiring sterilization, who do not receive it
 - 47% had an unintended pregnancy within 1 year
- Obstacles: cumbersome Medicaid approval
 - Disproportionately impacts women of color
- Need to revise Federal Medicaid consent

Zite, 2005; Thurman, 2010; Potter, 2012 & Borrero, 2013; Borrero, 2014

Reproductive justice

- Evidence-based contraception counseling
- Free of coercion
- Culturally-sensitive, patient-centered counseling
 - Break away from the traditional, provider informing the patient
 - Use of videos and apps
 - <https://youtu.be/u9SHoy1C3tU>
 - Or in Spanish: <https://youtu.be/HgenzQUCugg>
 - ARHP's Method Match: <http://www.arhp.org/methodmatch/>
- Fulfilling sterilization requests
- LAM counseling
- Offering LARC throughout postpartum

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