Contraceptive Choices

Method	How to use	Impact on bleeding	Thing to know	How well does it work?*
External Condom	Use a new condom each time you have sex Use a polyurethane condom if allergic to latex	None	 Can buy at many stores Can put on as part of sex play/foreplay Can help prevent early ejaculation Can be used for oral, vaginal, and anal sex Protects against HIV and other STIs Can decrease penile sensation Can cause loss of erection Can break or slip off Does not need a prescription 	87%
Emergency Contraception Pills Progestin EC (Plan B* One-Step and others) and ulip- ristal acetate (ella*)	Works best the sooner you take it after unprotected sex You can take EC up to 5 days after unprotected sex If pack contains 2 pills, take both at once	Your next monthly bleeding may come early or late May cause spotting	 Available at pharmacies, health centers, or health care providers: call ahead to see if they have it People of any age can get progestin EC without a prescription May cause stomach upset or nausea Progestin EC does not interact with testosterone, but we don't know whether Ulipristal acetate EC does or not Ulipristal acetate EC requires a prescription May cost a lot Ulipristal acetate EC works better than progestin EC if your body mass index (BMI) is over 26. Ulipristal acetate EC works better than progestin EC 3-5 days after sex 	58 - 94%
Copper IUD ParaGard®	Must be placed in uterus by a clinican Usually removed by a clinician	 May cause cramps and heavy monthly bleeding May cause spotting between monthly bleeding (if you take testosterone, this may not be an issue) 	 May be left in place for up to 12 years You can become pregnant right after removal It may lower the risk of uterine lining cancer, ovarian cancer, and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) Rarely, uterus is injured during placement 	> 99%
Progestin IUD Liletta*, Mirena*, Skyla* and others	Must be placed in uterus by a clinican Usually removed by a clinician	May improve cramps May cause lighter monthly bleeding, spotting, or no monthly bleeding at all	 May be left in place 3 to 7 years, depending on which IUD you choose You can become pregnant right after removal It may lower the risk of uterine lining cancer, ovarian cancer, and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) Rarely, uterus is injured during placement 	> 99%
The Pill	• Take the pill daily	Often causes spotting, which may last for many months	 Can improve PMS symptoms Can improve acne Helps prevent cancer of the ovaries This method contains estrogen - it is unclear if estrogen interacts with testosterone You can become pregnant right after stopping the pills May cause nausea, weight gain, headaches, change in sex drive - some of these can be 	93%
The Shot Depo-Provera*	Get a shot every 3 months (13 weeks) Give yourself the shot or get it in a medical office	Often decreases monthly bleeding May cause spotting or no monthly bleeding	 Each shot works for up to 15 weeks Private for user Helps prevent cancer of the uterus May cause weight gain, depression, hair or skin changes, change in sex drive It may lower the risk of uterine lining cancer, ovarian cancer, and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) Side effects may last up to 6 months after you stop the shots 	96%

^{*}Typical Use





Contraceptive Choices (continued)

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The Implant Nexplanon*	 A clinician places it under the skin of the upper arm It must be removed by a clinician 	 Can cause irregular bleeding and spotting After 1 year, you may have no monthly bleeding at all Cramps often improve 	 Long lasting (up to 5 years) You can become pregnant right after it is removed It may lower the risk of uterine lining cancer, ovarian cancer, and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) May cause mood changes 	> 99%
The Ring ANNOVERA® Nuvaring®	 Insert a small ring into the vagina Monthly Ring: Change ring each month Yearly Ring: Change ring each year 	Can make monthly bleeding more regular and less painful May cause spotting the first few months Can increase vaginal discharge	 There are two types: a monthly ring and a yearly ring. One size fits all Private You can become pregnant right after stopping the ring This method contains estrogen - it is unclear if estrogen interacts with testosterone 	93%

