

Her contraceptive choice...

She asks for advice.

ORAL CONTRACEPTION



The combined effect of risk factors

✓ She's over 30.

✓ She's a heavy smoker.

Estimated annual number of deaths associated with the Pill per 100,000 women*

Age 15-19 20-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44

Nonsmokers 1.3 1.4 1.4 2.2 4.5 7.1 Smokers 1.5 1.6 1.6 **10.8 13.4 58.9**

*Tietze, C.: New Estimates of Mortality Associated With Fertility Control, Fam. Plann. Perspect. 9:74-76 (March/April) 1977.

"...women over the age of 30, and certainly those over the age of 40, who both smoke and use the pill should, at the minimum, discontinue one of these practices."

*Rosenfeld, A.: Oral and Intrauterine Contraception: A 1978 Risk Assessment, Am. J. Obstet. Gynecol. <u>132</u>:92-106 (September 1) 1978.

BARRIERS

The problem of compliance

After the convenience of the Pill, the inconvenience of barrier methods could discourage compliance.

- · Messy to use
- · Interruptive of sexual spontaneity

Poor compliance can reduce efficacy

The success of barrier methods can vary greatly depending on motivation and compliance.

Pregnancies per 100 woman-years*	
Method	Range
Condom	3-36
Diaphragm with spermicidal cream or gel	2-20
Spermicidal aerosol foams	2-29
Spermicidal gels and creams	4-36

*Population Reports, Series H, No. 2 (May) 1974; Series I, No. 1 (June) 1974; Series B, No. 2 (Jan.) 1975; Series H, No. 3 (Jan.) 1975; Series H, No. 4 (Jan.) 1976; Population Information Program, Geo. Washington U. Medical Center, Washington, D.C.



IUD

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The inherent convenience

- No interruptions of sexual spontaneity
- No mess
- · No daily schedule to be followed

The inherent compliance maximizes efficacy

Cu-7" intrauterine copper contraceptive ...its efficacy approaches that of the Pill

Probable first-year effectiveness (pregnancies per 100 woman-years) Method Range less than 1-3* The Pill 1.7 - 1.9Cu-7

IUD

Cu-7 offers no problem in association with smoking

Estimated annual number of deaths related to IUDs per 100,000 women (smokers and nonsmokers)*

Age	13-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44
	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4	2.0	1.9

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When she's over 30 ✓ and she smokes consider the advantages of





^{*}Federal Register, Vol. 43, No. 21, p. 4224, Jan. 31, 1978.