# More than Just a Pill

A Review and Update of Hormonal Contraception

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#### Objectives

- ✓ Discuss the History of Contraception
- ✓ Review the Prescription of Contraception
- ✓ Evaluate Special Cases

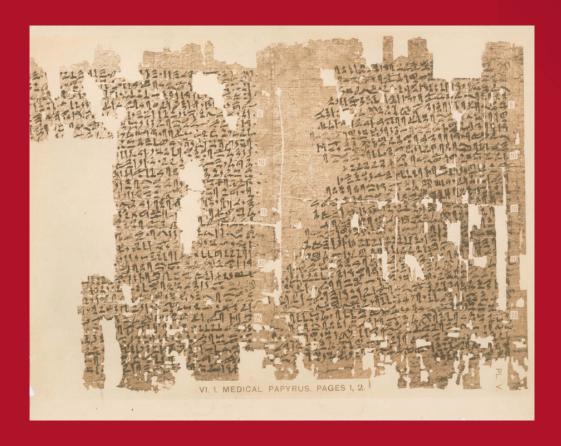


"On average, U.S. women want to have two children. To accomplish that goal, a woman will spend close to three years pregnant, postpartum or attempting to become pregnant, and about three decades—more than three-quarters of her reproductive life—trying to avoid pregnancy."

> - Adam Sonfield, Kinsey Hasstedt, Benson Gold Moving Forward: Family Planning in the Era of Health Reform (2014)



#### 1800 - 1500 BC



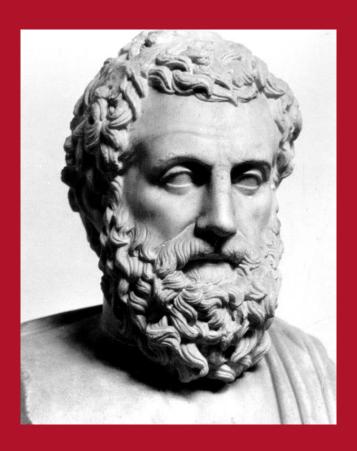


### 600 BC





### 350 BC



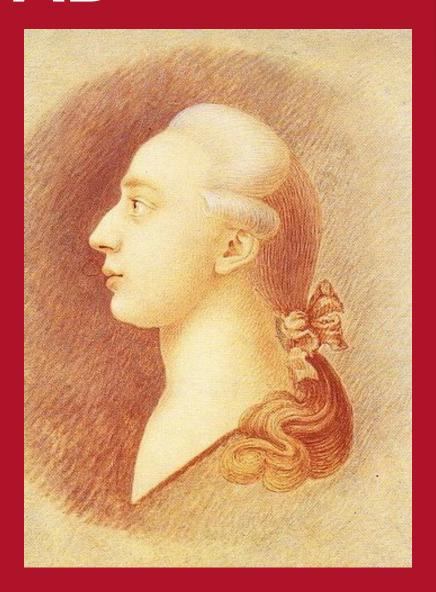
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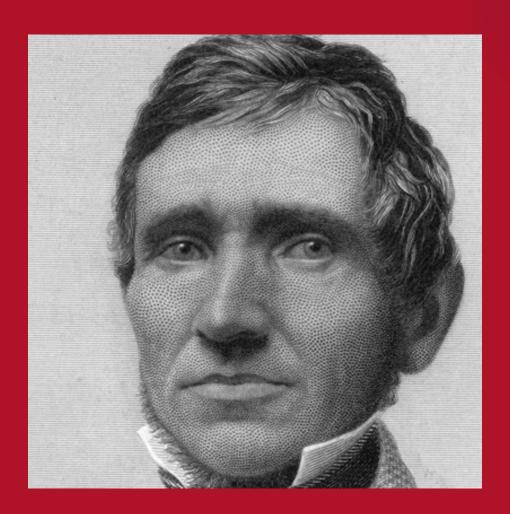








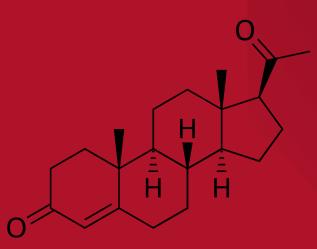




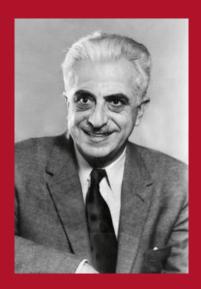


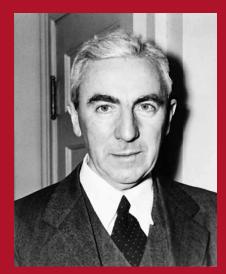


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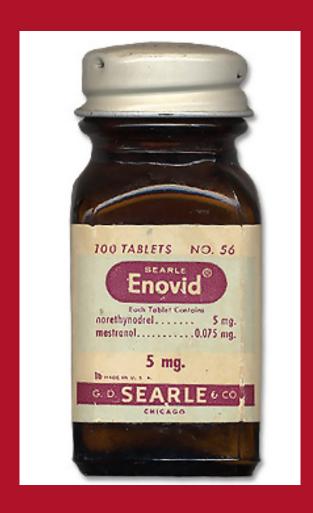


**Progesterone** 





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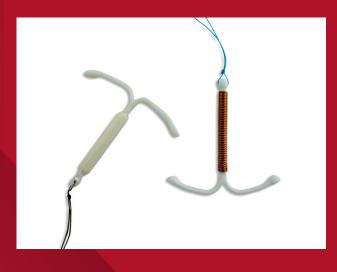




#### 1990s-2000s AD











### The Basics



#### EFFECTIVENESS OF FAMILY PLANNING METHODS\*

\*The percentages indicate the number out of every 100 women who experienced an unintended pregnancy within the first year of typical use of each contraceptive method.

MOST EFFECTIVE

Less than 1 pregnancy per 100 women in a year Once in place, little or nothing to do or remember.

**Implant** 

Intrauterine Device (IUD)



0.05%



PERMANENT STERILIZATION After procedure, little or nothing to do or remember. Use another method for first 3 months (Hysteroscopic, Vasectomy).

Female

(Abdominal, Laparoscopic, and Hysteroscopic)



0.5%

9%

Male (Vasectomy)



0.15%

6-12

pregnancies per 100 women in a year

18 or more

pregnancies per 100 women

in a year

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REVERSIBLE

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Injectable

Get repeat injections on time.



6%

Take a pill each day.



Pill

9%

0.2%

0.8%

Copper T

LNG

Keep in place, change on time.

Patch Ri



**9**%

Ring



Diaphragm



Use correctly every time you have sex.

**12**%

Use correctly every time you have sex.

**Male Condom** 

18%



**Female Condom** 

21%

Withdrawal



22%

Sponge

12% Nulliparous Women

**24%** Parous Women

Fertility Awareness-Based Methods Spermicide

Spermicide M

**28**%

Condoms should always be used to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted infections.

Abstain or use condoms on fertile days.

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LEAST EFFECTIVE

Other Methods of Contraception: (1) Lactational Amenorrhea Method (LAM): is a highly effective, temporary method of contraception; and (2) Emergency Contraception: emergency contraceptive pills or a copper IUD after unprotected intercourse substantially reduces risk of pregnancy.

Adapted from World Health Organization (WHO) Department of Reproductive Health and Research, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health/Center for Communication Programs (CCP). Knowledge for health project. Family planning: a global handbook for providers (2011 update). Baltimore, MD; Geneva, Switzerland: CCP and WHO; 2011; and Trussell J. Contraceptive failure in the United States. Contraception 2011;83:397–404.



#### Before starting...

✓ Reasonably certain not pregnant





## How to Be Reasonably Certain That a Woman is Not Pregnant

A health-care provider can be reasonably certain that a woman is not pregnant if she has no symptoms or signs of pregnancy and meets any one of the following criteria:

- is ≤7 days after the start of normal menses
- has not had sexual intercourse since the start of last normal menses
- has been correctly and consistently using a reliable method of contraception
- is ≤7 days after spontaneous or induced abortion
- is within 4 weeks postpartum
- is fully or nearly fully breastfeeding (exclusively breastfeeding or the vast majority [≥85%] of feeds are breastfeeds), amenorrheic, and <6 months postpartum</li>

#### Before starting...

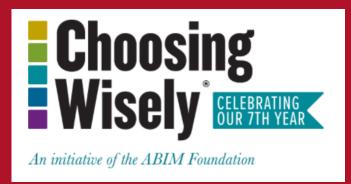
- Reasonably certain not pregnant
- ✓ Blood pressure
- ✓ History of blood clots
- ✓ Smoking status

Cervical cancer screening

STI screening

<del>Pelvic Exam</del>





#### **American Academy of Family Physicians**

View all recommendations from this society

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Don't require a pelvic exam or other physical exam to prescribe oral contraceptive medications.



#### **Back-Up Contraception:**

If the start of a woman's period was >5 days ago, 7 days of abstinence or use of a back-up method of contraception are recommended.



#### **Emergency Contraception** Unprotected TIME sexual intercourse (UPSI) Levonorgestrel Maximum effect if taken within first 12 hours. Double dose in obese. HRS **Ulipristal** Copper IUD Effectiveness may be Is the most effective form of reduced if the patient has emergency contraception. Can be been taking a progestogen. left in situ for up to ten years **ALWAYS** STIs & **THINK** Safeguarding @RCEMLearning

ella®

(Prescription)

Plan B<sup>®</sup> (OTC)

Paraguard<sup>®</sup> (Prescription)



# Beyond The Basics

Obesity
Hypertension
Hypercoaguability
Breast Disease



#### **Summary Chart of U.S. Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use**



Condition	Sub-Condition	Cu-IUD	LNG-IUD	Implant	DMPA	POP	CHC	
		I C	I C	I C	I C	I C	I C	
Age		Menarche	Menarche	Menarche	Menarche	Menarche	Menarche	
		to	to	to	to	to	to	
		<20 yrs: <b>2</b>	<20 yrs: <b>2</b>	<18 yrs: <b>1</b>	<18 yrs: <b>2</b>	<18 yrs: <b>1</b>	<40 yrs: <b>1</b>	
		≥20 yrs: <b>1</b>	≥20 yrs: <b>1</b>	18-45 yrs: <b>1</b>	18-45 yrs: <b>1</b>	18-45 yrs: 1	≥40 yrs: <b>2</b>	
				>45 yrs: <b>1</b>	>45 yrs: <b>2</b>	>45 yrs: <b>1</b>		
Anatomical abnormalities	a) Distorted uterine cavity	4	4					
abnormalities	b) Other abnormalities	2	2					
Anemias	a) Thalassemia	2	1	1	1	1	1	
	b) Sickle cell disease <sup>‡</sup>	2	1	1	1	1	2	
	c) Iron-deficiency anemia	2	1	1	1	1	1	
Benign ovarian tumors	(including cysts)	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Breast disease	a) Undiagnosed mass	1	2	2*	2*	2*	2*	
	b) Benign breast disease	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	c) Family history of cancer	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	d) Breast cancer‡				•			
	i) Current	1	4	4	4	4	4	
	ii) Past and no evidence of current							
	disease for 5 years	1	3	3	3	3	3	
Breastfeeding	a) <21 days postpartum			2*	2*	2*	4*	
	b) 21 to <30 days postpartum							
	i) With other risk factors for VTE			2*	2*	2*	3*	
-	ii) Without other risk factors for VTE			2*	2*	2*	3*	
	c) 30-42 days postpartum							
	i) With other risk factors for VTE			1*	1*	1*	3*	
	ii) Without other risk factors for VTE			1*	1*	1*	2*	
	d) >42 days postpartum			1*	1*	1*	2*	
Cervical cancer	Awaiting treatment	4 2	4 2	2	2	1	2	
Cervical ectropion		1	1	1	1	1	1	
Cervical intraepithelial		1	2	2	2	1	2	
neoplasia			_	_	_		_	
Cirrhosis	a) Mild (compensated)	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	b) Severe <sup>‡</sup> (decompensated)	1	3	3	3	3	4	
Cystic fibrosis <sup>‡</sup>		1*	1*	1*	2*	1*	1*	
Deep venous thrombosis (DVT)/Pulmonary	a) History of DVT/PE, not receiving anticoagulant therapy							
embolism (PE)	i) Higher risk for recurrent DVT/PE	1	2	2	2	2	4	
	ii) Lower risk for recurrent DVT/PE	1	2	2	2	2	3	
	b) Acute DVT/PE	2	2	2	2	2	4	
	c) DVT/PE and established anticoagulant therapy for at least 3 months	_	_				_	
	i) Higher risk for recurrent DVT/PE	2	2	2	2	2	4*	
	ii) Lower risk for recurrent DVT/PE	2	2	2	2	2	3*	
	d) Family history (first-degree relatives)	1	1	1	1	1	2	
	e) Major surgery		-	-	-	-	4	
	i) With prolonged immobilization	1	2	1	2	1	2	
	ii) Without prolonged immobilization				1	1		
Danuarius disarda:-	f) Minor surgery without immobilization	1*	1*	1 1*	1*	1*	1*	
Depressive disorders		- 1"	1"	1*	- "	1 "	1"	

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Diabetes	a) History of gestational disease	1		1		1	1	1	1	
	b) Nonvascular disease									
	i) Non-insulin dependent	1		- 2	2	2	2	2	2	
	ii) Insulin dependent	1			2	2	2	2	2	
	c) Nephropathy/retinopathy/neuropathy <sup>‡</sup>	1		7	2	2	3	2	3/4*	
	<ul> <li>d) Other vascular disease or diabetes of &gt;20 years' duration<sup>†</sup></li> </ul>	1		2	2	2	3	2	3/4*	
Dysmenorrhea	Severe		2	1		1	1	1	1	
Endometrial cancer <sup>‡</sup>		4	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	
Endometrial hyperplasia		1		1		1	1	1	1	
Endometriosis		- 2	2	1		1	1	1	1	
Epilepsy <sup>‡</sup>	(see also Drug Interactions)	1		1		1*	1*	1*	1*	
Gallbladder disease	a) Symptomatic									
	i) Treated by cholecystectomy	1		7	2	2	2	2	2	
	ii) Medically treated	1		- 2	2	2	2	2	3	
	iii) Current	1		- 2	2	2	2	2	3	
	b) Asymptomatic	1		7	2	2	2	2	2	
Gestational trophoblastic disease <sup>‡</sup>	a) Suspected GTD (immediate postevacuation)									
	i) Uterine size first trimester	1	*	1	*	1*	1*	1*	1*	
	ii) Uterine size second trimester		2*	7	2*	1*	1*	1*	1*	
	b) Confirmed GTD									
	i) Undetectable/non-pregnant ß-hCG levels	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*	
	ii) Decreasing ß-hCG levels	2*	1*	2*	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*	
	iii) Persistently elevated ß-hCG levels or malignant disease, with no evidence or suspicion of intrauterine disease	2*	1*	2*	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*	
	iv) Persistently elevated ß-hCG levels or malignant disease, with evidence or suspicion of intrauterine disease	4*	2*	4*	2*	1*	1*	1*	1*	
Headaches	a) Nonmigraine (mild or severe)	1		1		1	1	1	1*	
	b) Migraine									
	i) Without aura (includes menstrual migraine)	1		1	ı	1	1	1	2*	
	ii) With aura	1		1		1	1	1	4*	
History of bariatric	a) Restrictive procedures	1		1		1	1	1	1	
surgery <sup>‡</sup>	b) Malabsorptive procedures	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	COCs: <b>3</b> P/R: <b>1</b>	
History of cholestasis	a) Pregnancy related	1		1		1	1	1	2	
,	b) Past COC related	1				2	2	2	3	
History of high blood pressure during pregnancy		1		1		1	1	1	2	
History of Pelvic surgery		1		1		1	1	1	1	
HIV	a) High risk for HIV	2	2	2	2	1	2*	1	1	
	b) HIV infection					1*	1*	1*	1*	
	i) Clinically well receiving ARV therapy	1	1	1	1	If on tr	eatment, se	e Drug Intera	actions	
	ii) Not clinically well or not receiving ARV therapy <sup>‡</sup>	2	1	2	1	If on tr	reatment, see Drug Interactions			

Key:	
1 No restriction (method can be used)	3 Theoretical or proven risks usually outweigh the advantages
2 Advantages generally outweigh theoretical or proven risks	4 Unacceptable health risk (method not to be used)

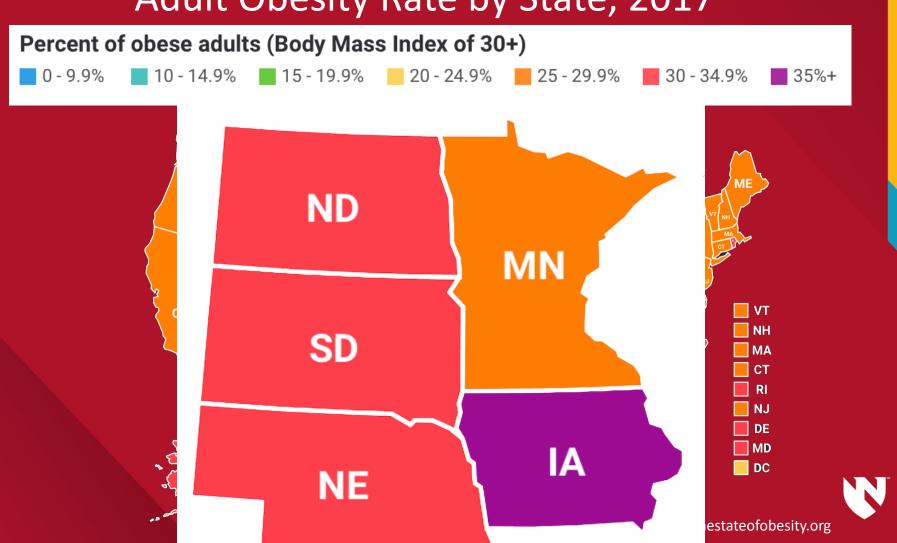
Abbreviations: C=continuation of contraceptive method, CHC=combined hormonal contraception (pill, patch, and, ring); COC=combined oral contraceptive; Cu-IUD=copper-containing intrauterine device; DMPa = deport medioxyprogesterone acetate i-initiation of contraceptive method; LNG-IUD=levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine device; Na-mort applicable; POP=ingoseption vip, pill; PiPepatch/ing § Condition that exposes a voman to increated risk as a result of pregnancy. "Please see the complete guidance for a clarification to this classification: www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/unintendedpregnancy/USMEC.htm.

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		I C	I C	I C	I C	I C	I C
Diabetes	a) History of gestational disease	1	1	1	1	1	1
	b) Nonvascular disease						
	i) Non-insulin dependent	1	2	2	2	2	2
	ii) Insulin dependent	1	2	2	2	2	2
	c) Nephropathy/retinopathy/neuropathy <sup>‡</sup>	1	2	2	3	2	3/4*
	d) Other vascular disease or diabetes of >20 years' duration <sup>‡</sup>	1	2	2	3	2	3/4*

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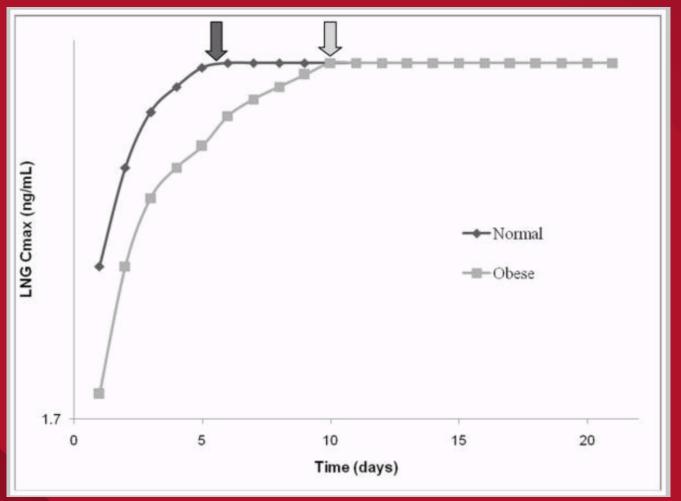
#### Obesity

Adult Obesity Rate by State, 2017



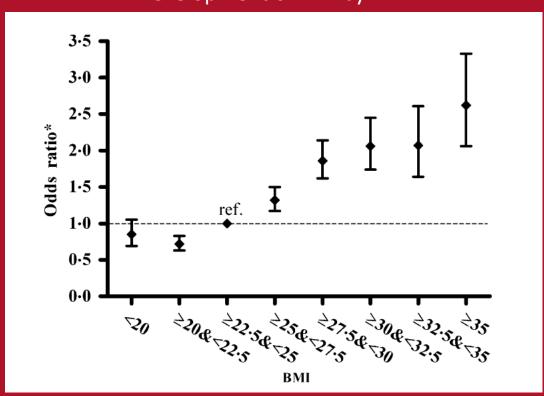
## How does obesity affect contraceptive efficacy?

Calculated time to reach LNG steady state



# How much is the risk of blood clot increased in obese women on hormonal contraception?

Development of VTE by BMI



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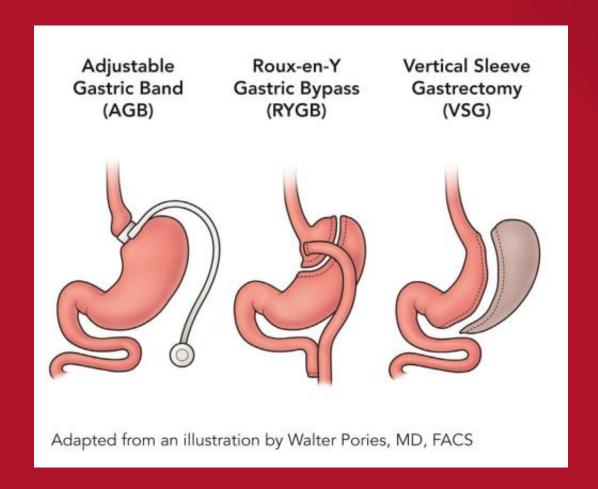
Association of VTE by BMI and OC Use

BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	OC use	Patients	Control subjects	OR*	95% CI
<25	No	51	167	1	
≥25 & <30	No	27	34	2.52	1.38-4.57
≥30	No	28	30	3.04	1·66–5·57
<25	Yes	260	233	4·15	2·85–6·03
≥25 & <30	Yes	178	55	11.63	7·46–18·14
≥30	Yes	132	19	23.78	13·35–42·34

During Pregnancy
Postpartum (to 12 weeks)

4.6 60.1

#### How does bariatric surgery change risk?





#### Obesity



	Cu-IUD	LNG-IUD	Implant	DMPA	POP	СНС
a) Body mass index (BMI) ≥30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	2

- ✓ All methods benefits > risk
- Extended or continuous cycle for methods with hormone-free interval
- ✓ Risk of VTE postpartum > contraception



#### Obesity



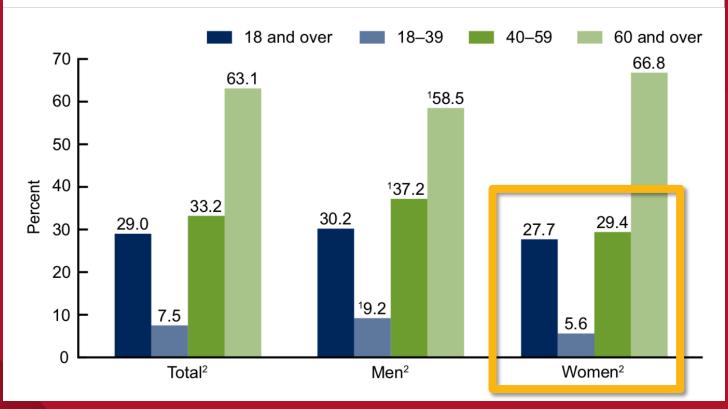
	Cu-IUD	LNG-IUD	Implant	DMPA	POP	СНС
a) Restrictive procedures	1	1	1	1	1	1
b) Malabsorptive procedures	1	1	1	1	2	COCs: 3
b) Malabsorptive procedures	•	•	•		3	P/R: <b>1</b>

✓ Bariatrics: consider non-oral if malabsorptive procedure



### Hypertension

Prevalence of hypertension among adults aged 18 and over by sex and age: United States 2016-2018

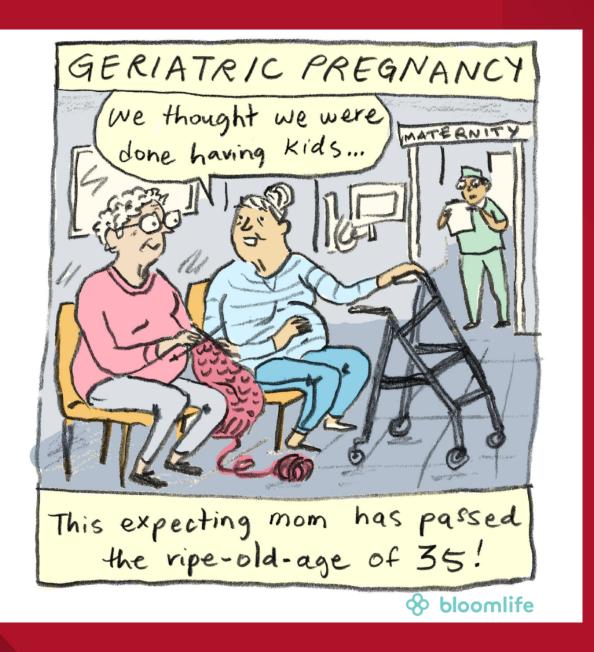


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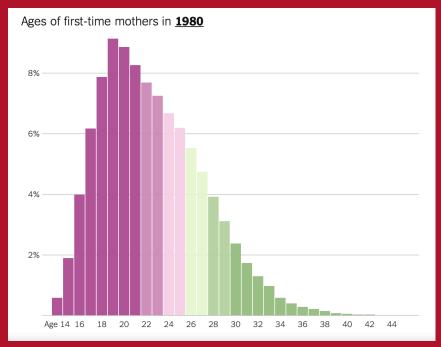
### Risks of Hypertension during Pregnancy:

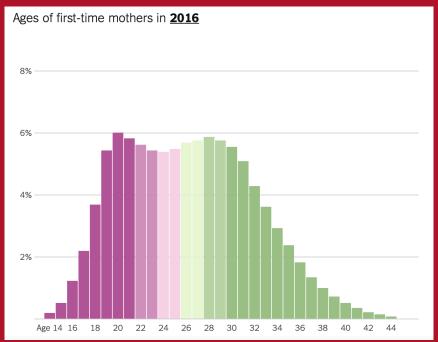
- Pre-eclampsia
- Fetal growth restriction
- Preterm delivery
- Placental abruption
- Delivery by C-section









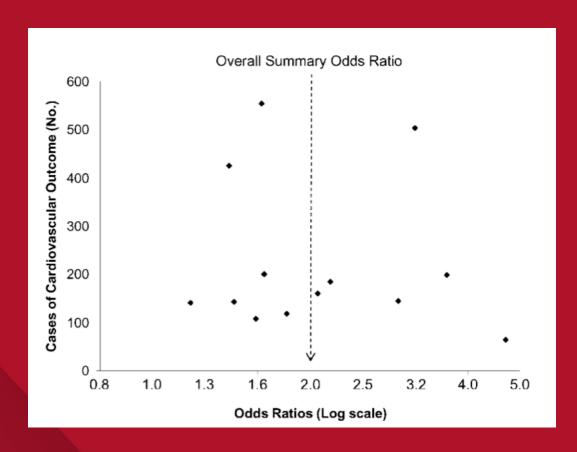


# To what extent does hormonal contraception affect blood pressure?

- ✓ 3 to 6mmHg systolic
- ✓ 2 to 5mmHg diastolic
- ✓ 5% of women
- ✓ Reversible



# To what extent does hormonal contraception affect cardiovascular health?



Myocardial Infarction OR = 1.84

Ischemic Event OR = 2.12



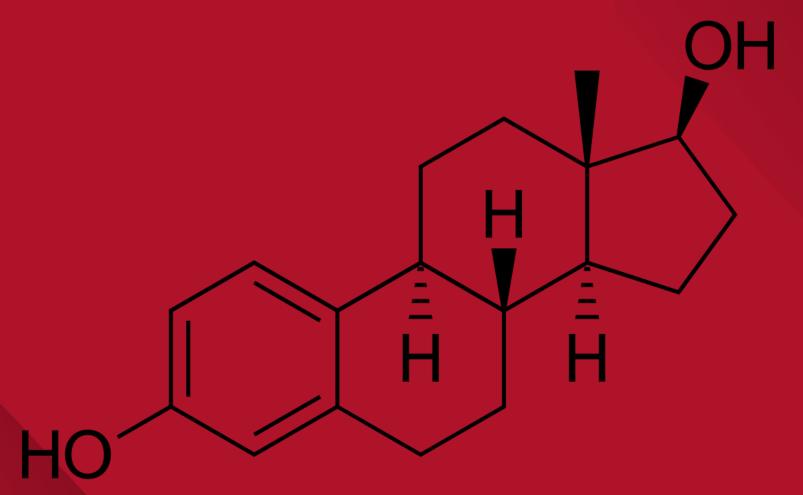
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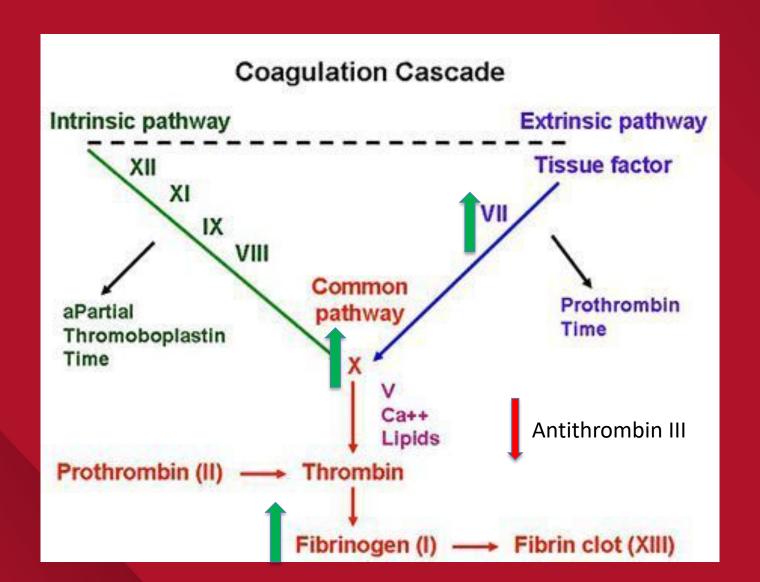
	Cu-IUD	LNG-IUD	Implant	DMPA	POP	СНС
a) Adequately controlled hypertension	1*	1*	1*	2*	1*	3*
b) Elevated blood pressure levels (properly taken measurements)						
i) Systolic 140-159 or diastolic 90-99	1*	1*	1*	2*	1*	3*
ii) Systolic ≥160 or diastolic ≥100‡	1*	2*	2*	3*	2*	<b>4</b> *
c) Vascular disease	1*	2*	2*	3*	2*	<b>4</b> *

- ✓ Avoid estrogen because it increases your CV risk
- ✓ Other CV Risks or uncontrolled HTN: also avoid DMPA (Depo)











# How do I approach hormonal contraception with personal history of VTE?

- ✓ Non-hormonal or progestin-only are preferred in all cases
- ✓ Determine the risk of recurrence
  - Reversible cause? Immobilization, postsurgical state, pregnancy, obesity

# How do I approach hormonal contraception with family history of VTE?

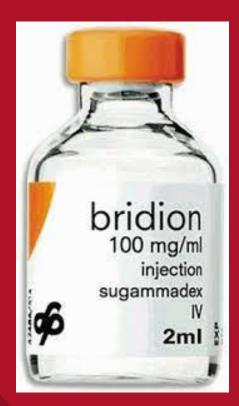
- ✓ Unless the patient warrants further evaluation, no adjustments need to be made
- ✓ When to evaluate?
  - ✓ FH of VTE associated with inherited thrombophilia
  - ✓ Multiple 1<sup>st</sup> degree relatives with history of VTE at young age (<50)

# How do I approach hormonal contraception with known thrombogenic mutation?

### Prevalence of inherited thrombophilia and associated VTE risk

	Prevale	Relative	
Thrombophilia	General population	Individuals with VTE	risk of a first episode of VTE compared with controls
AT deficiency	0.02 to 0.2%	1 to 7%	16-fold increased
Protein C deficiency	0.2 to 0.5%	2 to 5%	7-fold increased
Protein S deficiency	Unknown	1%	5-fold increased
Factor V Leiden*	4 to 5%	12 to 18%	4- to 5-fold increased
Prothrombin G20210A*	2%	5 to 8%	3- to 4-fold increased

# What are the perioperative considerations surrounding hormonal contraception?









	Cu-IUD	LNG-IUD	Implant	DMPA	POP	СНС
a) History of DVT/PE, not receiving anticoagulant therapy				·		
i) Higher risk for recurrent DVT/PE	1	2	2	2	2	4
ii) Lower risk for recurrent DVT/PE	1	2	2	2	2	3
b) Acute DVT/PE	2	2	2	2	2	4
<ul> <li>c) DVT/PE and established anticoagulant therapy for at least 3 months</li> </ul>						
i) Higher risk for recurrent DVT/PE	2	2	2	2	2	<b>4</b> *
ii) Lower risk for recurrent DVT/PE	2	2	2	2	2	3*
d) Family history (first-degree relatives)	1	1	1	1	1	2

- ✓ Personal history: avoid estrogen
- ✓ Family history: estrogen OK





		Cu-IUD	LNG-IUD	Implant	DMPA	POP	СНС
	Known thrombogenic mutations <sup>‡</sup>	1*	2*	2*	2*	2*	4*
e) Major surgery							
i) With prolonged immobilization		1	2	2	2	2	4
ii) Without prolonged immobilization		1	1	1	1	1	2
f) Minor surgery without immobilization		1	1	1	1	1	1

- ✓ Known thrombogenic mutation: avoid estrogen
- Major surgery: avoid estrogen if prolonged immobilization. Stop
   OCP 4-6 weeks before surgery.



## **Breast Disease**



### **Everything else**

Benign Breast Disease

- Non-proliferative (67%)
  - RR progression to breast cancer 1.27
- Proliferative without atypia (30%)
  - RR progression to breast cancer 1.88
- Proliferative with atypia (3%)
  - RR progression to breast cancer 4.24



# Does hormonal contraception cause breast cancer?

Duration of Use of Hormonal Contraceptive	Relative Risk of Breast Cancer (95% CI)					
	<1 Yr since Recent Use	1 to <5 Yr since Recent Use	5 to 10 Yr since Recent Use			
<1 yr	0.96 (0.78-1.19)	0.96 (0.85-1.09)	1.01 (0.88–1.15)			
1 to <5 yr	1.04 (0.88-1.23)	1.06 (0.96-1.18)	1.07 (0.94–1.20)			
5 to 10 yr	1.33 (1.11-1.59)	1.16 (1.02–1.33)	1.30 (1.06–1.58)			
>10 yr	1.52 (1.17–1.98)	1.16 (0.89–1.49)	NA†			

### Benefits of hormonal contraception:

- ✓ Decreased risk of
  - Colorectal cancer (IRR 0.81)
  - Endometrial cancer (IRR 0.66)
  - Ovarian cancer (IRR 0.67)
  - Lymphatic & Hematopoietic cancer (IRR 0.76)
- ✓ Treatment of irregular uterine bleeding
- ✓ Perimenopausal vasomotor symptom relief

How do I approach hormonal contraception with increased risk of breast cancer?

#### No modification

- Family History of Breast Cancer
   ...>20% lifetime risk?
- Benign Breast Disease...proliferative with atypia?



## **Breast Disease**



	Cu-IUD	LNG-IUD	Implant	DMPA	POP	СНС
a) Undiagnosed mass	1	2	2*	2*	2*	2*
b) Benign breast disease	1	1	1	1	1	1
c) Family history of cancer	1	1	1	1	1	1
d) Breast cancer <sup>‡</sup>						
i) Current	1	4	4	4	4	4
<ul><li>ii) Past and no evidence of current disease for 5 years</li></ul>	1	3	3	3	3	3

- ✓ Breast Cancer: non-hormonal
- ✓ Family history: all OK\*
- ✓ Benign disease: all OK\*



## Take Home Points

### **Obesity**

- All are OK
- Extended / continuous for methods with hormone-free interval
- Bariatric patients may need non-oral

### **Hypertension**

- Avoid estrogen, sometimes DMPA

### **Hypercoaguability**

- Avoid estrogen in personal hx VTE or known mutation
- CHC OK in surgery unless prolonged immobilization expected

#### **Breast Disease**

- Ever cancer nonhormonal
- Family history of breast cancer all OK\*
- Benign breast disease all OK\*



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BIRTH CONTROL PILLS



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## Thank you





