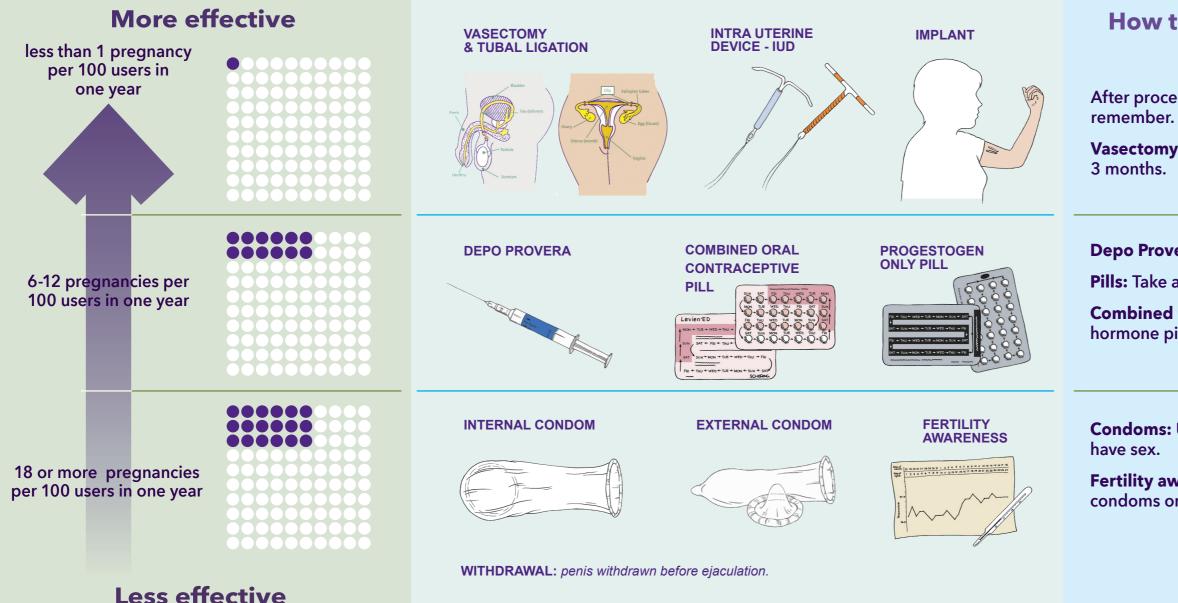
- 1. IUDs, implants and vasectomy or tubal ligation are the most effective contraceptives.
- 2. There are many options for you to choose from.
- 3. Every method has advantages and disadvantages.



Comparing typical effectiveness of contraceptive methods



How to make your method most effective

After procedure, little or nothing to do or

Vasectomy: Use another method for first

Depo Provera: Get repeat injections on time.

Pills: Take a pill every day.

Combined Oral Contraceptive Pill: Take a hormone pill every day without a break.

Condoms: Use correctly every time you

Fertility awareness: Abstain or use condoms on fertile days.

Contraception - Your Choice

Contact Family Planning for detailed information on any of these methods



Method	What is it?	Chance of	Health	Advantages	Disadvantages		
	How does it work?	getting pregnant	concerns				
LONG ACTING F	REVERSIBLE CONTR	ACEPTION					
	 progestogen is released from rods put under the skin of the arm by thickening mucus in cervix. May stop ovaries from releasing an egg each month 	 less than 1 in 100 	 no serious risk 	 lasts 5 years fit and forget useful for those who can't take the combined pill or who might forget pills or appointments 	 irregular bleeding which often gets better with time and can be controlled with medication 		
INTRA UTERINE DEVICE - IUD	 put inside the uterus 2 types - Copper IUD or progestogen-releasing IUD (Mirena or Jaydess) stops sperm reaching an egg 	 less than 1 in 100 	 very small chance of pelvic infection when IUD put in 	 can stay in place for 3 years or more fit and forget doesn't interfere with sexual intercourse progestogen-releasing IUDs – lighter periods or no period at all, suitable for those with heavy periods 	 needs to be inserted by an experienced doctor or nurse Copper IUDs may cause heavier periods or cramping Progestogen-releasing IUDs may cause irregular bleeding in the first few months 		
HORMONAL CONTRACEPTION							
	 an injection of progestogen stops ovaries from releasing an egg each month 	 typically 3 in 100 but less than 1 in 100 if next injection given on time 	 no serious concerns 	 one injection lasts up to 14 weeks doesn't interfere with sexual intercourse usually no periods useful for people who can't take combined pill 	 irregular bleeding, no periods or occasional heavy bleeding periods and fertility take an average of 6 months to return after stopping the injection weight may change 		
COMBINED ORAL CONTRACEPTIVE PILL	 pill made of 2 hormones, oestrogen and progestogen stops ovaries releasing an egg each month 	 typically 8 in 100 but less than 1 in 100 if used perfectly 	 very small chance of blood clots, heart attacks and strokes. More likely in people over 35 who smoke, are overweight or have a family history of these conditions very slight increased risk of cervical cancer 	 simple and easy to take doesn't interfere with sexual intercourse periods usually regular, shorter, lighter and less painful less chance of cancer of lining of the uterus or ovaries can be taken up to menopause if a healthy non smoker 	 should not be used by people over 35 who smoke must remember to take it daily may have irregular bleeding 		
PROGESTOGEN ONLY PILL	 pill made of 1 hormone – progestogen by thickening mucus in cervix and may stop ovaries from releasing an egg each month 	 typically 8 in 100 but less than 1 in 100 if used perfectly 	 no serious risk 	 doesn't interfere with sexual intercourse can be used at any age can be used when breast-feeding useful for those who can't take combined pill 	 may have irregular bleeding 		
BARRIERS							
EXTERNAL CONDOM	 a thin rubber barrier fits over erect penis and catches sperm on ejaculation best used with water- based lubricant 	 typically 15 in 100 but 2 in 100 if used perfectly every time failure rate increases with oil-based lubricant or some anti thrush creams 	• none known	 easy to use and carry used only when needed helps protect against STIs available from Family Planning clinics and other health care providers can buy from pubs, clubs, pharmacies and many shops cheaper on prescription 	 some people are allergic to rubber must be put on when penis is erect and before sexual intercourse some people say it reduces sexual feeling can slip off or break 		
INTERNAL CONDOM	 a thin polyurethane barrier goes into the vagina and catches sperm on ejaculation 	 typically 21 per 100 but 5 per 100 if used perfectly 	 none known 	 helps protect against STIs gives user choice and control easy to use 	 relatively expensive can only buy them online need to insert every time 		
FERTILITY AWARENESS							
FERTILITY AWARENESS	 body temperature, cervical mucus and periods checked. These body signs show when you are more likely to get pregnant 	 typically 25 per 100 but can be 3 per 100 if used perfectly 	• none	 after learning method, no further costs or visits to health professionals required helps you understand how your body works 	 expert instruction needed to learn method no sexual intercourse during fertile time must chart temperature and cervical music delive 		

pro- generation Re-				 mucus daily body signs can be difficult to recognise and may vary
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EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

PERMANENT CONTRACEPTION

VASECTOMY & TUBAL LIGATION	 permanent contraception an operation vasectomy – tubes cut to stop the sperm getting to the penis tubal ligation – clips put on tubes to stop the egg getting to the uterus 	less than 1 per 100	 vasectomy – rare possibility of long- term scrotal pain tubal ligation – very slight risk from reaction to anaesthetic or damage to internal organs 	 one operation only permanent 	 not easily reversible requires an operation may have short term side effects, eg. pain, bruising
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