

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION (The "Morning-After Pill")

Emergency contraception is a form of contraception that can be used after unprotected sexual intercourse.

It includes the **Emergency Contraceptive Pill or ECP** (see below) or the insertion of an intrauterine device. A copper IUD can be inserted by a trained health provider up to five (5) days after unprotected intercourse.

The IUD will prevent a fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus. It can be left in as a long-term method of contraception. The ECP and the IUD will not protect against Sexually Transmitted Infections or HIV.

What is the Emergency Contraceptive Pill (ECP)?

The Emergency Contraceptive Pill is a method of contraception that can be used after unprotected intercourse. The pill can be accessed from pharmacists without a prescription.

Frequently Asked Questions

For other information and frequently asked questions and answers about Emergency Contraception, please refer to

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