

NFP Methods vs CONTRACEPTION

Possible Side Effects
 Harmful to Future Fertility
 % Effectiveness Avoiding Pregnancy with proper teaching and use of the method
 Responsible For Use

Conception: union of sperm and egg; the beginning of human life.

Contraceptive: Prevents conception.

Abortifacient: Agent may end human life after conception has occurred.

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For a complete listing of side effects and relevant statistics, please visit STLouisNFP.org.

NATURAL METHODS *all natural*

Billings Ovulation Method *all natural*

* avoid OR achieve pregnancy

NONE

NO 98

Creighton Model Services *all natural*

* avoid OR achieve pregnancy

NONE

NO 99.5

Couple to Couple League *all natural*

* avoid OR achieve pregnancy

NONE

NO 99.4

Marquette Model *all natural*

* avoid OR achieve pregnancy

NONE

NO 98

ARTIFICIAL METHODS

The Pill, Patch or Vaginal Ring *artificial hormones*

Combination hormonal

* contraceptive & *potentially abortifacient

Common: breast tenderness/cysts, depression, weight gain, headaches, irregular bleeding.
Less common: increased risk of breast cancer, liver tumors, stroke, heart attack, blood clots, elevated blood pressure.

MAY DELAY 99.6

Depo Provera Shot *artificial hormone*

Progestin only

* contraceptive & *potentially abortifacient

Irregular bleeding; acne; weight gain; headaches; depression, vaginal dryness; breakthrough ovulation. Decrease in bone density.

DELAYS 99.7

Mirena IUD *device + artificial hormone*

Intrauterine Device with progestin

* contraceptive & *potentially abortifacient

Irregular bleeding; acne; weight gain; headaches; depression, vaginal dryness; breakthrough ovulation; perforation of the uterus. Replace every 5 years.

DELAYS 99.8

Implanon *artificial hormone*

Progestin implanted under skin

* contraceptive & *potentially abortifacient

Irregular bleeding; acne; weight gain; headaches; depression; vaginal dryness; breakthrough ovulation. Replace every 3 years.

DELAYS 99.9

Condom *barrier*

* contraceptive

Allergic reaction or irritation.

NO 98

Diaphragm *barrier*

* contraceptive

Allergic reaction or irritation; Sometimes difficult to remove

NO 94

IUD *device*

Intrauterine Device

* contraceptive & *potentially abortifacient

Heavy, irregular or painful menses; painful intercourse; infection; ectopic pregnancy; perforation of the uterus. Replace every 10 years

POSSIBLE 99.4

Tubal Ligation *surgical*

* contraceptive

Surgery may be complicated by bleeding and/or infection. Increased rate: hysterectomy, ectopic pregnancy, painful periods.

YES 99.5

Vasectomy *surgical*

* contraceptive

Surgery may be complicated by bleeding and/or infection. May increase risk of prostate cancer.

YES 99.9