

Discussion Points for the Intrauterine Device as Long-term Contraceptive Guidance

The following discussion points have been developed by the FFPRHC Education Committee.

Discussion Points

- 1 Discuss the key points of information it is essential to give a woman who is considering having an IUD fitted.
- 2 Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of pre-IUD screening for (a) chlamydia, (b) gonorrhoea and (c) other infections.
- 3 What are the likely causes of collapse during IUD insertion/removal? Explain how you would differentiate between them and your management.

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The following questions and answers have been developed by the FFPRHC Education Committee.

Indicate your answer by ticking the appropriate box for each question

	True	False
1 The routine use of prophylactic antibiotics prior to IUD insertion has been shown to reduce pelvic infection rates.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 The risk of IUD expulsion is around 1 in 20 and is most common within 3 months of insertion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Women should be informed that the risk of uterine perforation is of the order of 1 in 10 000 insertions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Women not wishing to conceive should be advised to use additional contraception for 7 days prior to IUD removal/replacement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 The primary mode of action of the IUD is the prevention of fertilisation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 The presence of ALOs on cervical cytology in asymptomatic IUD users is an indication for IUD removal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 If Group B streptococcus is identified in the lower genital tract this should be treated prior to IUD insertion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 IUDs should not be inserted in women with fibroids causing significant distortion of the uterine cavity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 In the first 6–12 months of IUD use intermenstrual spotting does not require investigation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 An IUD can be inserted in a postpartum woman from 4 weeks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Answers

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| 1 False | 5 True | 8 True |
| 2 True | 6 False | 9 False |
| 3 False | 7 False | 10 True |
| 4 True | | |