

immediately after EC use so that we can give women evidence-based advice on how long additional precautions are needed after EC before they can rely exclusively on their chosen contraceptive method.

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Clinical Effectiveness Unit (CEU) Statements

Ulipristal Acetate (EllaOne®) Emergency Contraception

The CEU has produced a list of 'Frequently Asked Questions' that is intended as a quick reference guide to the use of ulipristal acetate in UK clinical practice. This document supplements the CEU's New Product Review of ulipristal acetate (October 2009).

Anticonvulsant Therapy and Contraception

A Faculty Statement on 'Anticonvulsant Therapy and Contraception' will soon be published. The Statement includes guidance from the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency, new medical eligibility criteria (UKMEC 2009) and new data on lamotrigine interactions. This document supersedes the Faculty Statement on 'Changes to Prescribing Information for Lamotrigine' (2005).

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UK Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use (UKMEC) 2009 Edition

The pdf version of UKMEC 2009, together with summary sheets and a summary of changes, are now available on the Faculty website. Printed copies of the publication are to be distributed to all general practices, sexual health and GUM clinics in the UK in early 2010.

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The Clinical Effectiveness Unit (CEU) would like to hear from any doctor or nurse interested in acting as local coordinator for a national, multicentre audit of very Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (vLARC) continuation rates. Services providing implants and intrauterine methods (including abortion providers) will be eligible to take part. The local coordinator will be responsible for facilitating recruitment and returning baseline questionnaires to the CEU over a short period of time. All other administrative work and follow-up will be undertaken by the CEU. Please contact Dr Susanna Hall, CEU research doctor, for further information. Tel: +44 (0) 141 232 8450 or e-mail: ceu.members@ggc.scot.nhs.uk