

Missed pill rules

Diana Mansour, in her commentary¹ in the July 2011 issue of this Journal, pointed out the inadequacy of the wording of the emergency contraception advice in the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Authority's *Combined Oral Contraceptives (The Pill): When to Start Taking The Pill, and Missed Pill Advice*.² We also need to remember the women who have forgotten one pill in the week before the pill-free interval, and again after the pill-free interval.

This situation has been made clear in the flow diagram of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Clinical Effectiveness Unit's *Missed Pill Recommendations*³ published in May 2011, but not in the text of that document.

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