
Screening for Chlamydia trachomatis in the pharmacy: Peranans L, Verhoeven V, Van Kettle H, Cay S, DRCOG, MFFP

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The Yuzpe regimen on Days 4–5 prevented 77% (CI 15–94) of pregnancies compared with 73% (CI 51–85) in the control group, respectively. Expressed in terms of pregnancies prevented, perfect use of the Yuzpe regimen for EC more than 72 hours after unprotected intercourse was 1.9% (CI 0.2–6.8) and 2.0% (CI 1.1–3.5) in the Days 4–5 and the control group and 17 pregnancies in 675 women (2.5%, 95% CI 0.9–9.0) in the Days 4–5 group, and 6040. A guide to the full range of leaflets and information about contraception, sex and relationships. The full report is available from the National Children’s Bureau, 8 Wakley Street, London ECIV 7QE, UK and www.nchb.org.uk.

Updated Cochrane Reviews

Amongst the updated Cochrane Reviews for 2003 are: ‘The skin patch and vaginal ring versus the combined oral contraceptive for contraception’, ‘Combination contraceptives: effects on weight’, ‘Sponge versus diaphragm with spermicides for contraception’ and ‘Immediate postpartum insertion of intrauterine devices’. Cochrane Reviews are available on the link www.nelh.nhs.uk.

New Chair for IWHC

The International Women’s Health Coalition (IWHC) has elected a new chair, Kati Marton, who is a journalist and vociferous human right’s activist. Other members of the board come from Argentina, Colombia, England, The Netherlands, India and the USA. Founded in 1984, IWHC works to promote health policies and programmes and funds projects to protect the rights and health of girls and women worldwide, especially in Africa, Asia and Latin America. More information about the work they do can be obtained on their website at www.iwhc.org.

New leaflets

Brook have launched some new leaflets for 14–16-year-olds entitled: ‘But that’s double Dutch’, ‘Play safe on holiday’ and ‘The cool lover’s guide to condom use’. The leaflets are available from Brook, telephone +44 207 722 6040. A guide to the full range of leaflets and other publications from Brook is available on their website at www.brook.org.uk.

Wyeth have sponsored a leaflet called ‘Hysterectomy and oophorectomy’. It is written in clear English with good illustrations and will go a long way towards meeting the needs of women for information before and after this operation. This non-promotional leaflet is available from Wyeth Laboratories on request, telephone +44 1628 604377.

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A new leaflet that explains sexual health issues of relevance to young South Asian women was published in May 2003. The leaflet, entitled ‘Jeena’, has been written after a year-long project by the fpa working with South Asian women’s groups to establish what kind of information they would find useful. ‘Jeena’ is written in English and uses real-life scenarios to introduce subjects such as Negotiating safe sex and sexually transmitted infections. Anyone working with South Asian women will appreciate the help that this leaflet will give to young women who can read English and who often feel excluded from the sexual and relationship courses available in secondary education. ‘Jeena’ leaflets are available from fpa direct, PO Box 1078, East Oxford DO, Oxfordshire OX4 6JE, UK or telephone +44 1865 719418.

Sexual health on holiday

Marie Stopes International have released a new edition of their successful ‘Passport to Health’, a lover’s guide to condom use. The leaflets are available from Brook, telephone +44 202 7284 6040. A guide to the full range of leaflets and other publications from Brook is available on their website at www.brook.org.uk.

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