



TEENs- Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll... STIs and Birth Control

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Disclosures/Conflicts

- No conflicts of interest
- I will discuss both on and off-label uses of drugs



Objectives

- Be more comfortable with teen contraceptive counseling
- Be aware of non-contraceptive benefits of birth control
- Be aware of STI screening/treatment recommendations



High school students and sexual risk behaviors

- 30% had ever had sexual intercourse
- 48% didn't use condom last time they had sex
- 33% used effective hormonal birth control (birth control pills, an IUD or implant, a shot, a patch, or a birth control ring) the last time they had sex with an opposite-sex partner.
- 10% used effective birth control and condom the last time they had sex
- 8% had been physically forced to have intercourse when they didn't want to



What can we do to help change these statistics?

- Education
- Shared decision making
- Discuss what type of relationships
- Discuss if/when they want to parent
- Find out what is most important to them
- Find out what bothers them the most, what is a dealbreaker



Contraception Options

Tier 1: Implant, IUD (LARCs)

Tier 2: injection, pill, patch, ring

Tier 3: diaphragm, male and female condom, sponge

Tier 4: fertility awareness method, spermicide, Phexxi



- **Progestin IUDs (levonorgestrel)**
 - mechanism: thickens cervical mucus

Mirena (FDA approved 8 yrs) 32x32mm. 52 mg LNG.

Liletta (FDA approved 8 yrs) 32x32 mm. 52 mg LNG.

Kyleena (FDA approved 5 yrs) 28x30 mm. 19.5 mg LNG.

Skyla (FDA approved 3 yrs) 28x30 mm. 13.5 mg LNG.



Progestin IUDs

Benefits:

- decrease bleeding (Mirena FDA approved for menorrhagia)
- decrease primary and secondary dysmenorrhea
- improve PMS and other menstrual symptoms
- decrease risk of hyperplasia and uterine cancer

Adverse effects:

- *may worsen acne*
- *increased ovarian cysts*
- *may worsen mood or anxiety*
- *may increase yeast and BV*



Paragard IUD (FDA approved 10 yrs. 32x36 mm)



Mechanism: copper is spermicidal



Benefits: no hormones



Adverse effects: increased bleeding/dysmenorrhea



Complications possible for all IUDs

- Risk of perforation, malposition, or expulsion
- Small risk of infection
- Can get 3-6 months of abnormal bleeding (consider another hormone in the short term); rarely abnormal bleeding continues



IUD insertion/removal preparation

- best during period or at tail end of period
- misoprostol
- ibuprofen and acetaminophen
- benzodiazepine
- lidocaine



Nexplanon

68 mg etonogestrel implant. FDA approved 3 yrs. 4 cm long, 2mm, radiopaque.

Mechanism: inhibits ovulation, thickens cervical mucus

Benefits: decreases amount of bleeding and pain, can improve mittelschmerz, PMS and other menstrual symptoms, can decrease uterine cancer and ovarian cancer risk

Adverse effects: IRREGULAR BLEEDING, mood swings or depression, increased anxiety, headaches, acne, weight gain

Minimal studies in obese women. May be less effective over time with obese women



Depot medroxyprogesterone acetate(DMPA)



Injection every 12 weeks- 150 mg IM deltoid or gluteus maximus.



Mechanism: suppression of ovulation, inhibits LH/FSH surge, thickens cervical mucus



Benefits: decreased bleeding, decreased dysmenorrhea and mittelschmerz, increased amenorrhea over time



Adverse effects (MAY LAST UP TO 9 MONTHS): irregular bleeding, headaches, depression/anxiety, weight gain, hair thinning, risk of bone thinning, increased LDL/decreased HDL



Combined Oral Contraceptives (COCs)

Mechanism: suppresses ovulation, inhibits LH/FSH surge, thickens cervical mucus

Hormones: estrogen and progestin (monophasic or triphasic)

Regimens: traditional cyclic regimen 21/7, shortened placebo days, extended active pills, continuous active pills



Combined oral contraceptives estrogens

- Ethinyl estradiol 10mcg, 20 mcg, 30 mcg, 35 mcg
- Estetrol (Nextstellis: estetrol with drospirinone).
 - Estetrol normally produced by human fetal liver
 - NEST (native estrogen with selective action on tissues)
- Estradiol valerate (Natazia: estradiol with dienogest).
 - Indication on label: birth control and for heavy bleeding.



Combined Oral Contraceptives- progestins

- 1st generation: norethindrone, ethynodiol diacetate
- 2nd generation: levonorgestrel, norgestrel
- 3rd generation: norgestimate, desogestrel
- 4th generation: drospirenone, dienogest



COCs benefits

- Decrease bleeding duration and amount, decrease anemia
- Can regulate bleeding and manipulate timing of bleeding
- Decrease primary and secondary dysmenorrhea
- Decrease mittelschmerz, PMS, menstrual symptoms
- Improve acne, hirsutism
- Decrease menstrual migraines
- Decrease ovarian cysts
- Decrease risk uterine/ovarian cancer



COCs adverse effects

- Breakthrough bleeding
- Nausea, breast tenderness
- Headaches
- Mood, anxiety worsening
- Weight
- Bloating, edema
- Acne
- Decreased libido
- Melasma



Trouble shooting with COCs

- Breakthrough spotting: higher estrogen & progestin
- Breast pain, headaches, nausea: lower estrogen, pm dose
- Depression, anxiety: lower estrogen & progestin
- Weight gain: lower estrogen & progestin
- Bloating, edema: lower estrogen, change progestin
- Acne: higher estrogen, less androgenic or lower progestin
- Libido: lower estrogen/progestin
- Melasma: lower estrogen, avoid the sun, derm treatments



COC risks and concerns

- New hypertension (~ 4-5%) or worse hypertension (~ 16%)
- Venous thrombotic events, especially the first year (3-20/10,000 woman-years over baseline of 1-5/10,000); slt increased stroke risk
- OCP and obesity: increased DVT risk, slightly higher pregnancy rate possible
- Lower systemic levels of hormone if taken with anti-seizure meds (phenytoin, carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, lamotrigine, barbiturates)
- Can worsen liver disease; associated with rare hepatic adenomas



COCs for medical issues (menstrual suppression)

- Dysmenorrhea
- Abnormal bleeding, bleeding disorders, anemia
- PMS, mittelschmerz, menstrual symptoms
- Challenges with menstrual hygiene
- PCOS
- Acne
- Menstrual migraines
- Recurrent ovarian cysts
- Lifestyle needs
- Medical or psychiatric conditions that worsen with menses



Contraceptive patch



Ethinyl estradiol 35 mcg /
norelgestromin 150 mcg

EXPOSED TO 60% MORE ESTROGEN THAN 35 MCG PILL
Labeling notes the patch should not be used if BMI > 30



Ethinyl estradiol 30 mcg / levonorgestrel 120 mcg/day. Labeling notes the patch should not be used if BMI > 30



- Contraceptive vaginal rings



Ethinyl estradiol 15mcg/d
and etonorgestrel
120mcg/d

New ring 3 weeks at a
time, leave out one week



Ethinyl estradiol 15
mcg/d & segesterone
acetate 13 mcg/d

Ring for 13 cycles (leave in
for 21 d/leave out 7d)



U.S. Medical Eligibility Criteria (MEC)

- 1- no restriction
- 2- advantages generally outweigh risks
- 3- risks usually outweigh advantages
- 4- condition with unacceptable health risk if method is used



OCPs- MEC categories

- 2- BMI > 30
- 4- BP > 160/100
- 4- Antiphospholipid antibodies
- 4- Multiple risk factors atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- 4- Migraines with aura



Progestin only birth control pills (POPs)

- **Norethindrone pills (daily progestin pill, no placebos)**
 - Mechanism: thickens cervical mucus, suppression ovulation in 50%
 - Irregular bleeding, acne, mood changes, ovarian cysts
 - Less effective with seizure medications
- **Drospirenone pills (24 tabs with 4mg drospirenone, 4 placebos)**
 - Mechanism: suppresses ovulation, thickens cervical mucus
 - Less problems with irregular bleeding, acne, mood changes
 - Less effective with seizure medications
 - Women > 30 BMI included in FDA studies.



- Emergency Contraception (mechanism: delays ovulation)

Copper IUD, Mirena, and Liletta up to 5 days

Ulipristal acetate 30 mg up to 5 days (antiprogestosterone)

Levonorgestrel 1.5 mg up to 3 days

Yuzpe method (combination birth control pills) up to 3 days



- Adolescents and sexual risk behaviors, CDC STD surveillance 2020

20% of all new HIV diagnoses were people aged 13-24 in 2020.

More than half of the nearly 20 million new STDs reported in 2020 were among people aged 15-24.



CDC STI screening recommendations, 2021

- Minors can consent for their own STI services
- Annual screening for chlamydia (females < 25 yrs)
- Annual screening for gonorrhea (females < 25 yrs)
- HIV screening discussed & offered to all adolescents
- HPV vaccination recommended



CDC STI treatment recommendations, 2021

- Offer STI testing if positive chlamydia, gonorrhea, or trich
- Offer partner services with positive test
 - Unless prohibited by law, medical providers should routinely offer expedited partner therapy (EPT) to patients with chlamydia when the provider can't ensure that the patient's partners will seek timely treatment.
 - Prescriptions should be accompanied by education materials, treatment instructions, and warnings about taking the medication
- Offer repeat test in 3 months (test for re-infection)



C trachomatis CDC STI treatment guidelines, 2021

Recommended
regimen:
doxycycline 100mg
bid x 7 days

Alternative
regimen:
azithromycin 1 g

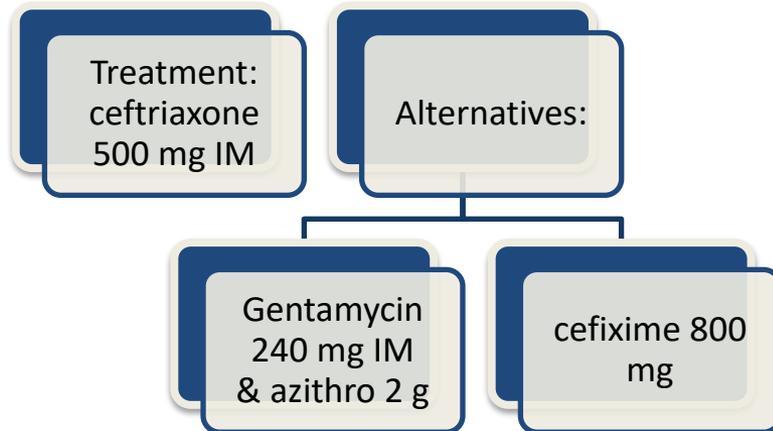
Alternative
regimen:
levofloxacin 500mg
daily x 7 days

Abstain from sexual
activity for at least
7 days

Should get retested
in 3 month (eval for
reinfection)



N gonorrhoeae CDC STI treatment guidelines, 2021



- Treat for chlamydia if unknown status
- Wait at least one week after treatment for sexual activity
- Testing for reinfection should be in 3 months
- Test of cure in 7-14 days recommended if pharyngeal infection

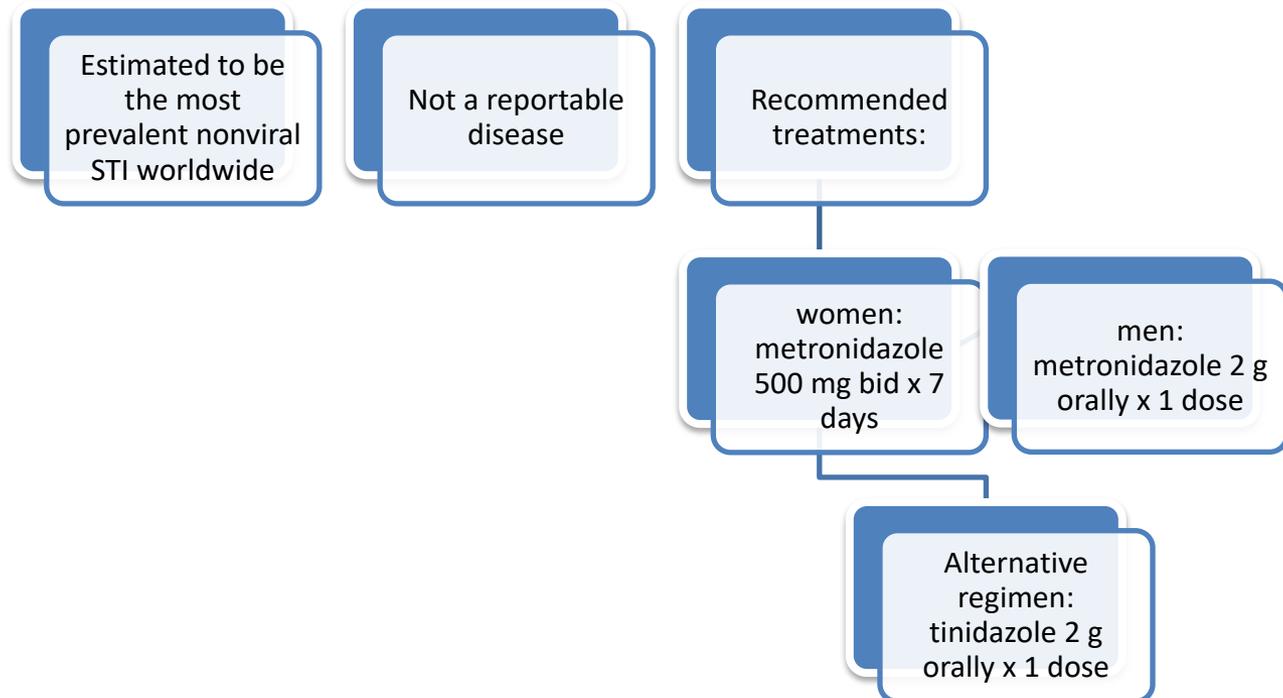


GC, Chl, PID with IUD in place CDC STI Treatment Guidelines, 2021

- Treat with the same antibiotics
- Ok to leave the IUD in place initially
- Consider removal at 48-72 hours if no improvement



Trichomoniasis (*T vaginalis*) CDC STI treatment guidelines, 2021





Herpes 1 & 2, CDC STI Treatment Guidelines, 2021

- 11.9% of people 14-49 yrs are estimated to have HSV-2 but HSV-1 cases are rising especially among young women
- The majority of people with HSV-2 haven't been diagnosed but they still shed the virus intermittently
- Recurrences and subclinical shedding more common with HSV-2
- If lesions are present, do type-specific testing from the lesions
- Treatment can be suppressive therapy or episodic therapy (acyclovir, famciclovir, valacyclovir)



Resources

- NASPAG
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- CDC
- SAHM



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Thank you.

Questions???



Bacterial vaginosis (BV) Amsel criteria

- Homogenous thin discharge that smoothly coats the walls
- Clue cells (vaginal epithelial cells studded with bacteria)
- PH of vaginal fluid > 4.5
- Fishy odor of vaginal discharge before or with 10% KOH



Bacterial vaginosis recommended treatment

Metronidazole
500mg bid x 7 days

Metronidazole gel
0.75% one
applicatorful (5g) qhs
x 5 days

Clindamycin cream
2% one
applicatorful (5g)
qhs x 7 days



Bacterial vaginosis alternative treatments

Clindamycin 300
mg orally bid x 7
days

Clindamycin ovules
100mg vaginally
qhs x 3 days

Secnidazole 2 g oral
granules x 1 day

Tinidazole 2 g orally
daily x 2 days

Tinidazole 1 g orally
daily x 5 days



Vulvovaginal candidiasis regimens, CDC 2021

- OTC: Clotrimazole cream, Miconazole cream/suppository, Tioconazole ointment
- Rx: Butoconazole cream, Terconazole cream/suppository, oral Fluconazole



Human papilloma virus (HPV) prevention

- Abstaining from sexual activity
- Limiting sexual partners
- Condoms
- HPV vaccine



Human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine

- Gardasil 9 (types 9,11,16,18, 31,33,45, 52,and 58)
- Routine vaccination at 11-12 yrs (ok to start at 9yrs)
- 2 dose vaccine if < 15 yrs (0 and 6-12 months)
- 3 dose vaccine if >15 yrs (0, 1-2 months, 6 months)



HPV- anogenital warts treatment

Imiquimod cream
5% (3x/wk up to 16
wks)

Podofilox 0.5%
solution or gel (bid
x 3 days, rest 4
days-up to 4 cycles)

Sinecatechins 15%
ointment (tid up to
16 wks)

Cryotherapy,
trichloroacetic acid,
or excision in the
clinic

Excision, laser in
the operating room



Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID)

- Spectrum of inflammatory disorders of upper genital tract (endometritis, salpingitis, tubo-ovarian abscess, peritonitis)
- C trachomatis and N gonorrhoeae are often implicated but many other bacteria may be associated with PID.
- Presumptive treatment should be initiated if pelvic/lower abdominal pain or if cervical motion tenderness, uterine tenderness, or adnexal tenderness and signs of lower genital tract inflammation (predominance of leukocytes in vaginal secretions, cervical discharge, or cervical friability).
- Additional criteria can support PID diagnosis: fever, cervical mucopurulent discharge, abundant WBCs of vaginal fluid, elevated ESR, elevated CRP



PID – Outpatient treatment

- Ceftriaxone 500 mg IM + doxycycline 100mg bid x 14 days + metronidazole 500 mg bid x 14 days
- Cefoxitin 2 g IM and probenecid 1 g orally + doxycycline 100 mg bid x 14 days + metronidazole 500 mg bid x14 days
- Should be improving by 72 hours after treatment started (optimal to get followup appointment at 48-72 hours)
- Repeat testing in 3 months



PID- Inpatient treatment recommended if:

- Tubo-ovarian abscess
- Pregnancy
- Severe illness, nausea/vomiting, fever > 101.
- Unable to follow or tolerate outpatient regimen
- No clinical response to outpatient regimen