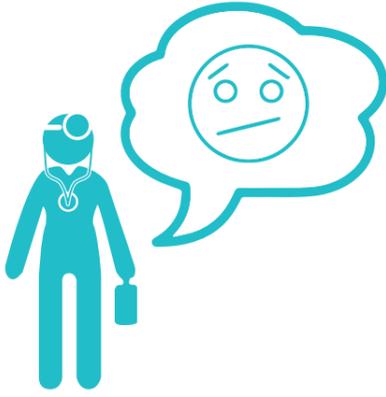


Ectopic Pregnancy: IUC Mythbusting

Myths

There is a high risk of ectopic pregnancy with intrauterine contraception (IUC)



Previous ectopic pregnancy is a contraindication to the use of IUC



Facts

IUC is highly effective, the failure rate and therefore the absolute ectopic pregnancy rate is extremely low.^{1,2}



There is no restriction to using IUC in women who have previously had an ectopic pregnancy - category 1 in the 'WHO MEC'³



**With no contraception
1 in 100 pregnancies
is ectopic^{1,2,4}**



1%

**Compared to the number
of ectopic pregnancies in
women using IUC...^{1,2}**



0.2%

In the very rare event that a woman does become pregnant while using IUC, there is greater chance that the pregnancy will be ectopic than for a woman in the general population.^{1,2}

However, IUC failure rate is extremely low,⁵ therefore the absolute risk of ectopic pregnancy is also extremely low^{1,2}

Find out more

Please visit www.your-life.com to access a range of resources to help address the myths and misperceptions that women may have about IUC, and tools to assist in contraceptive counselling



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