**Emergency Contraceptive (EC) - Yuzpe**

**Consent Form**

**Benefits:**

* Safe
* Can be used after unprotected sexual intercourse
* Prevents pregnancy if no birth control method is used or is not used the right way; if a condom breaks, slips; or in cases of rape
* Works no matter what you weigh

**Effectiveness:**

* Works best if taken as soon as possible after unprotected sex
* Lowers the risk of pregnancy by an average of 74%

**Risks:**

* EC will not harm an unborn fetus (will not cause an abortion). Use another kind of EC for a woman who has a history of stroke or blood clots in the lungs or legs

**Potential Side Effects or Disadvantages:**

* Need to take two doses 12 hours apart
* Must have a prescription to get it at a pharmacy or can pick it up at the clinic
* Nausea, vomiting, headaches, breast tenderness, abdominal pain and dizziness may occur. Could have more side effects after taking the second pill. It may change when and how long your period lasts.
* Does not work as well as other birth control methods that you use all the time
* No protection against HIV (AIDS) or sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)

**Potential Complications:**

* None

**Stopping this method:**

* Two doses are taken 12 hours apart. If you do not have a period within 3 weeks, call the clinic for a pregnancy test. If you don’t wish to become pregnant after taking EC, you may start any regular birth control method right after using EC
* Don’t have sex or use a back-up birth control method for the first 7 days

**Danger Signs:**

Call the clinic, your health care provider or emergency room if you have:

* Increasing or severe headaches; chest or abdominal pain; visual changes; or severe pain, redness or swelling of the leg
* Very heavy vaginal bleeding

**I have been counseled, have written information, and have had my questions answered about my birth control method.**

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