

just about... Contraceptives

This booklet is just for you

You can ask someone to read it with you.



People you could ask:

- A whānau member
- Your care worker
- Your doctor
- Your nurse

What is contraception?

Contraception will stop you having a baby.

Some contraceptives stop your period.

There are lots of different contraceptives.

The nurse or doctor will help you to choose one, just for you.

Which one is just for me?

To help find the right one they need to know some things about you.

Here are the things they need to know.



Health

√ IF:	YES
Your period hurts a lot	
You bleed a lot	
You take other medications	
You have been very sick	
You have had an operation	
You smoke cigarettes	
You get very bad headaches and	_
have to go to sleep	
You pick at your skin	

Other Questions

Tick Yes or No		
	YES	NO
I am OK with tablets		
I can remember to take tablets every day		
I am ok with needles		
I have sex with a partner		
I have sex with more than one partner		
It is ok for a nurse or doctor to go inside my vagina		
I would be ok with something under my skin		

Some contraceptives you can use

Contraceptive	Reasons to use contraceptive	Reasons not to use contraceptive
Implant	Good if you forget to take pills. Lasts a long time.	Needs to go under your skin. Need to have an injection. You pick at your skin. Periods may come more often.
IUD	Lasts a long time. You have had a baby.	Nurse/doctor will need to put it in your vagina. Might bleed more. You have sex with more than one partner. Your partner has sex with other people.

Some contraceptives you can use

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IUS	May have no period. May bleed less. Lasts a long time.	Nurse/doctor will need to put it in your vagina. You have sex with more than one partner. Your partner has sex with other people.
Depo provera	Lasts up to 14 weeks. No periods.	Have to have an injection. Might put on weight
Combined pill	Periods hurt less. May bleed less. Easy to take.	You smoke. Must remember to take it every day. Might not suit you.

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Progestogen only pill	Easy to take. Can be used at any age. May have no periods.	Must remember to take it every day.
Emergency contraceptive pill	Can be used if you had sex and did not use another contraceptive.	Have to take as soon as possible after having sex.
Condom	Easy to use. Easy to buy. Stops you getting an infection. Good if you have sex with more than one partner.	Partner has to use it. Can come off. Can break.

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