Emergency Contraceptive Pills: Selected, Annotated Bibliography*

The following resources have been carefully selected to lead health care providers, educators, and other youth serving professionals to high quality, reliable information on emergency contraceptive pills. This document includes online links to: medical organizations’ policy statements; Web sites and literature reviews; and consumer health information.

Medical Organizations’ Policy Statements on Emergency Contraceptive Pills

Position statements of prominent medical organizations regarding emergency contraceptive pills, their efficacy, and availability can be viewed at the Web links given below. Where noted, the statement is only available to members.


**Association of Reproductive Health Professionals.** Position Statement; www.arhp.org/healthcareproviders/resources/ecresources/arhpposition.cfm


Professional Resources on Emergency Contraceptive Pills

For current information about emergency contraception (EC), visit the following sites.

**American Society for Emergency Contraception:** www.emergencycontraception.org/asec/

ASEC is a collaboration of organizations working to improve women’s access to emergency contraception (EC). ASEC is a:

- Source of information on EC;
- Watchdog for inaccurate or biased articles in the press;
- Support to other organizations willing to endorse EC; and

* For a comprehensive bibliography of medical and public health research related to emergency contraceptive pills, please visit: www.morningafterinfo.org
Source of a semi-annual electronic newsletter on current EC news and events. For the newsletter, visit www.emergencycontraception.org/asec/aseccontent-newsletters.html

**Association of Reproductive Health Professionals:** www.arhp.org/healthcareproviders/resources/ecresources/index.cfm
ARHP has a Web section devoted to EC, including professional and consumer health information, news, fact sheets, and training materials.

**National Conference of State Legislatures**
50 State Summary of Emergency Contraception Laws
Denver CO: Author, 2006; www.ncsl.org/programs/health/ECleg.htm Updated annually, this offers a quick and accurate guide to each state’s laws, if any, on EC.

**Not-2-Late.com:** http://ec.princeton.edu Operated by the Office of Population Research at Princeton University and by the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals, the site offers accurate information – for professionals and consumers – about emergency contraceptive pills, including:
- Nationwide (but not comprehensive) directory of medical professionals who will provide EC and pharmacies that carry EC and will fill prescriptions;
- Current brands of oral contraceptives approved for use as EC; and
- Summary of current research.

**Recent Literature Reviews on Emergency Contraceptive Pills**
In addition to the literature reviews included in the position statements of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Women's Association, and the Society for Adolescent Medicine (see links in the first section), other important literature reviews (circa 2004 or later) are listed here.


**Additional Information for Professionals and Consumers about EC**

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA):** The FDA (www.fda.gov) has approved nonprescription sales for Plan B® for women ages 17 and older. Visit: http://www.fda.gov/CDER/drug/infopage/planB/default.htm

**Reproductive Health Technologies Project:** www.rhtp.org Provides information about reproductive health issues, including EC.

**Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health:** PRCH offers Resources: *Emergency Contraception: A Practitioner’s Guide* at www.prch.org/content/index.php?pid=155

**World Health Organization:** *Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use*, 3rd edition, 2004; www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/mec/index.htm

**Consumer Health Information Regarding EC**

**Emergency Contraception Web Site:** http://ec.princeton.edu The site provides accurate information and a directory of local clinicians willing to provide EC.
Advocates for Youth: www.advocatesforyouth.org This site offers reliable and accurate information about EC – for professionals, youth, and parents. It also offers access to Advocates’ unique library of research on adolescent reproductive and sexual health.

Back Up Your Birth Control: www.backupyourbirthcontrol.org The Campaign encourages women to get emergency contraceptive pills from their health care provider before they need them.

Go Ask Alice: www.goaskalice.columbia.edu Produced by Columbia University’s Health Education Program, this site has questions and answers on all kinds of relationship, sexuality, and sexual health issues.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America: http://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-topics/emergency-contraception-morning-after-pill-4363.htm This page offers information on EC, its history, barriers to access, and the difference between emergency contraception and abortion as well as referral to local clinics.

Sex Etc: www.sexetc.org By teens and for teens, this site helps youth stay healthy, including avoiding unintended pregnancy.

Teenwire: www.teenwire.com This site offers reliable and accurate information on sexuality and relationships as well as referral to local Planned Parenthood clinics.

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