Sexual health education – contraception

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#### Agree or disagree?

It's easy to prevent pregnancy these days



In WA, about 1 in 6 girls get pregnant while still in their teens

About half of these pregnancies end in abortion



#### Promoting healthy behaviours

# Knowledge alone is not enough



#### Promoting healthy behaviours

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# Motivation

- Personal risk
  - $\sqrt{}$  Lots of people just like them get pregnant
- Important to them to not get pregnant
  - $\checkmark$  Consequences are personally relevant and serious
  - $\sqrt{\text{Benefits of using contraception outweigh costs}}$
  - Peer norms, social & gender expectations



### Behavioural skills

- Make appointment, get to GP/clinic
- Get condoms / contraception and use correctly
  - Negotiate condom / contraception use with partner
  - Overcome resistance to condom / contraception use

Confidence to do in real life - and overcome any barriers

# Information

- Unintended pregnancy is common
- Many methods of contraception to prevent pregnancy

How much detail about each method needed??



#### Efficacy of contraception methods Showing typical use for methods available in Australia

99%+

Less than 1 pregnancy per 100 women in one year



Contraceptive implant 99.95% effective Lasts up to 3 years



Hormonal Intrauterine Device (hormonal IUD) 99.8% effective, lasts to 5 years

Copper intrauterine device (Cu-IUD) 99.2% effective Lasts to 10 years



Sterilisation:

Male sterilisation (vasectomy) 99.85% effective / Permanent

Tubal occlusion by metal microinsert 99.8% effective / Permanent



Female tubal ligation 99.5% effective / Permanent



6-9 pregnancies per 100 women in one year



Contraception injection: Depot medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA) 94% effective Injection every 12 weeks



Contraceptive vaginal ring 91% effective New ring used every 4 weeks



Combined oral contraceptive pill (the COC Pill) 91% effective Taken daily with 24hr window



Progestogen-only contraceptive pill (POP) 91% effective Taken daily 3hr window

Family Planning Alliance Australia is the nation's peak body in reproductive and sexual health. It promotes advances in public health through policy insight and advocacy and represents leading health and education agencies across Australia.



**76%**+

18 + pregnancies per 100 women in one year



Diaphragm 88% effective



Male condom 82% effective



Female condom 79% effective



Withdrawal method 78% effective



Fertility awareness based methods 76% effective Abstain from intercourse or use another method on fertile days.

Reproductive and Sexual Health Policy and Advocacy www.fpallianceaus.org.au

\* Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (After procedure, little /nothing to do or remember)

# Information

- Long acting contraceptives most effective
- Only condoms protect against STI
- Condoms only method young males can control & rely on
- Condoms plus LARC safest protection from unintended pregnancy & STI
- Emergency contraception (EC) for back up



# Information

- Where and how to get condoms and EC
- See GP or clinic for hormonal methods or IUD, or discuss options
  - $\sqrt{\text{Under 16's can go to GP, clinic or SHQ}}$
  - $\sqrt{\text{Under 16's can consent to medical treatment if:}}$ 
    - Can fully understand the treatment and its consequences
    - Treatment in their best interests
  - $\sqrt{1}$  Then confidential



#### For more information

Contraception & other information brochures <a href="http://shq.org.au/booksresources/">http://shq.org.au/booksresources/</a>



http://shq.org.au/services/sexual-health-helpline/