



Women's Life-Care Center

Committed to the Judeo Christian-based truth that every individual has the right to life from conception to natural death. Through lay counseling, education, and nurturing support, this ministry is dedicated to any person affected by a crisis pregnancy.

IUD

What is an IUD? An IUD is an intrauterine device made of plastic and/or copper that is inserted into the womb (uterus) by way of the vaginal canal.

What it is...

One type releases a hormone (progesterone), and is replaced each year. The second type is made of copper and can be left in place for five years. The most common shape in current use is a plastic "T" which is wrapped with copper wire.⁶

Important warnings:

- The IUD has some possible side-effects:
 - septic abortion-infection that can cause high fever, endometriosis and other complications
 - continuation of pregnancy-potentially dangerous for baby and mother
 - ectopic pregnancy-fatal if not discovered in time
 - pelvic infection which can lead to sterility
 - embedding the IUD in the uterus which is very painful
 - perforation of the uterine wall or cervix
 - perforation of the urinary bladder
 - spontaneous abortion
 - backache
 - copper toxicity (Wilson's disease)-poisoning of the organs
 - anemia-decrease in red blood cells causing weakness and lack of energy
 - localized pain that persists each time ovulation occurs
- Not effective against sexually transmitted infection

Source: IUD. 2007. American Life League