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Silverline Cu 380 Ag

The promise of more assurance

What is Silverline?

Silverline is a small, soft, flexible Y-shaped frame with a copper wire wound around the vertical stem. The copper wire has a silver core, which enhance the properties of the devise. Specifically trained health care providers insert this devise into a women's uterus through her vagina and cervix. Silverline providers long-term protection from pregnancy. Silverline 380 Ag protects a couple from pregnancy for five years and Silverline 200 Ag protects for three years.

How does Silverline work?

Silverline works primarily by causing a chemical change that damaged the sperms and egg before they can meet.

How is Silverline different from other intrauterine devices?

The main difference between Silverline and other copper intrauterine devices is the silver core that is used in the copper wire. This silver core prevents the fragmentation of the copper wire, thereby improving the performance of the device. Also, the thinner insertion tube used for Silverline results in lesser pain during insertion.

How is Silverline superior to other contraceptive methods?

Silverline is superior to other contraceptive methods because it does not require any or repeated action on your part. Once it is placed in the uterus, it starts functioning immediately and continues to performs till the end of its period of effectiveness. It has an extremely low failure rate, which is better than that seen with most other modern temporary contraceptive methods.

When should I start using Silverline?

You can start using Silverline any time, when it is certain that you are not pregnant. If you start Silverline within 12 days after the start of your monthly bleeding, there is no need to use any back up method. If you are currently using any other contraceptive method consistently and correctly, you can switch to Silverline immediately.

What should I expect in the first few months after starting Silverline?

In the first few months after starting Silverline, you may see some changes in your bleeding pattern. These may include prolonged and heavy monthly bleeding, irregular bleeding and more cramps and pain during monthly bleeding. These changes are however not signs of illness. They usually become less after the first several months after insertion. Please do visit your service provider for help if these changes bother you.

Is Silverline suitable for me?

Silverline is safe and suitable for nearly all women, including women who:

- Have or have not had children
- Are not married
- Are of any age, including adolescents and women over 40 years old
- Have just had an abortion or miscarriage (if no evidence of infection)
- Are breast feeding
- Do hard physical work
- Have had ectopic pregnancy
- Have had pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) Have vaginal Infections
- Have anemia
- Are infected with HIV or on antiretroviral therapy and doing well

Silverline cannot be used in the following conditions:

- Unexplained vaginal bleeding suggesting pregnancy or an underlying medical condition
- Infection of the reproductive organs during the first six weeks after childbirth or after an abortion
- Know current cervical, endometrial or ovarian cancer, gestational trophoblast disease or pelvic tuberculosis
- Very high individual likelihood of exposure to gonorrhea or chlamydia

$When should I \, return \, to \, the \, service \, provider?$

You are welcome to return to your service provider any time, for example, if you have problems, questions or want another method; or if there is a major change in health status. Also, please do visit your service provider if:

- You think that IUD might be out of place. This might include the feeling that the strings are missing or feeling that the hard plastic of an IUD has partially come out.
- 2. You have symptoms of pelvic inflammatory disease (increasing or severe pain in the lower abdomen, pain during sex, unusual vaginal discharge, fever, chills, nausea and/or vomiting) especially in the first 20 days after insertion.
- 3. You think you might be pregnant.



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