



Care After Implanon Placement

Here is what you need to know after you have an Implanon placed.

Will I have any pain after the Implanon is placed?

- You may have some pain at the site where the Implanon was inserted. You can take Tylenol (acetaminophen), Aspirin or Advil (ibuprofen) to help relieve the pain.
- If your pain worsens or you notice redness spreading on the skin around the insertion site, please call the clinic.

Will my periods be regular?

- You may find that your periods are hard to predict.
- Irregular bleeding is common with Implanon, especially in the first 6 to 12 months of use. Some women have longer, heavier periods. Some women will have more spotting between periods.
- After one year, about 20% of women who use Implanon will stop having periods.

Does Implanon protect against sexually transmitted infections?

- The Implanon does not protect against sexually transmitted infections including the AIDS virus (HIV), warts (HPV), gonorrhea, Chlamydia and herpes.
- Condoms should be used to decrease the risk of getting a sexually transmitted infection.
- If you think that you have been exposed to a sexually transmitted infection, please call the clinic.

When is Implanon effective as birth control?

- Implanon is effective right away if it was placed within five days after the start of your period.
- If you had Implanon placed at any other time during your menstrual cycle, use another method of birth control, like condoms, for at least 7 days.

When does Implanon need to be replaced?

- The Implanon should be removed and replaced by a health care provider after 3 years.
- Your Implanon should be removed and replaced on _____.

To Learn More

- Adolescent Gynecology
206-987-3005
- After hours on-call
OB/GYN
206-987-2000
- Ask your child's
healthcare provider
- www.seattlechildrens.org

Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital,
ask your child's nurse.
- From outside the
hospital, call the
toll-free Family
Interpreting Line
1-866-583-1527. Tell
the interpreter the
name or extension you
need.
- For Deaf and hard of
hearing callers
206-987-2280 (TTY)

When should I call the doctor?

Call the clinic if you have any of these symptoms or concerns:

- You have bleeding, pus or increasing redness, or pain at insertion site.
- You have fever or chills.
- The implant comes out or you have concerns about its location.
- You have a positive pregnancy test or think you might be pregnant.

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