



<b>Title</b>	<b>Interventions to Improve Easy Access of Hormonal Contraceptives to Women – Aged 20 to 24 Years</b>
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## **Aim**

To assess interventions intended to improve easy access to hormonal contraceptives among women aged 20 to 24 years.

## **Conclusion and results**

We summarized the results from one Cochrane review only. The methodological quality of the review was high, but the quality of the documentation varied according to GRADE. This review found that advanced provision of emergency contraception to young women did not decrease pregnancy rates, nor did it have a negative impact on sexually and reproductive health behaviors exceeding that found in the control group (who received information only about emergency contraception).

We identified only one systematic review. This Cochrane review answered the last question that we addressed. Even though we conducted a comprehensive search for literature in relevant databases we did not identify additional relevant studies or reviews.

## **Methods**

We searched for relevant systematic reviews, randomized controlled trials, and controlled trials in international databases, and we appraised and synthesized studies that met our inclusion criteria.

## **Further research/reviews required**

Further controlled trials are needed to answer the questions addressed.