Condom Conundrums [1]

Week of:
Feb 27, 2015

Are two condoms better than one? [2]

Dear Alice,

My boyfriend recently suggested that we use two condoms at once while having sex because it would decrease my chances of becoming pregnant. How reliable is this and why haven't I heard about this before? We've been using a single condom. Also, which is the best spermicide that can also act as a lubricant?

Sincerely,
Cautious

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Best contraception with a condom? [3]

Dear Alice,

Could I have the final, definitive, last word on what type of contraception is best to use with a condom?

Thanks,
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What is a female condom? [4]

Alice,

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An explanation of condom failure rates

Dear Alice,

When people say that contraceptives, like condoms, have a 12 percent failure rate, do they mean that they result in pregnancy in 12 out of every 100 women who use them? I hope that means that 12 percent of people who use them become pregnant in a year, or something like that. Otherwise, it sounds as risky as Russian roulette to rely on condoms.

Condom sizes... how do I know what fits?

Dear Alice,

In my shopping and looking for condoms, I NEVER come across a formal size chart. I have been told that I was "endowed" and that I need to look toward larger sized models, but All I ever see is "snug fit," "large," and "extra large," etc. How big is big? It would be most helpful if I knew what I was buying before I actually bought it. Do you know of the sizes of some popular condoms, or of a size chart resource.

Thanks,
Endowed