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**Dear Working Group Member,**

Yesterday's *New York Times*' Sunday Review included an opinion piece highlighting the debate about an OTC switch for OCs. The article focuses on the recent American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' Committee Opinion in support of an OTC switch for birth control pills. It also refers to our recent national survey of women that demonstrated their interest in using an OTC pill.

You can read the NYT piece [here](#). We encourage you to share the article on your personal or organizational Facebook page and Twitter account; if you link to the article on Twitter please include the hashtags #OCsOTC and #freethepill.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan", is positioned below the text "Thanks,".

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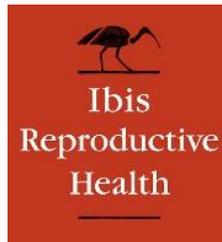
**Get involved in the OCs OTC Working Group!**

There are several ways you can get involved in the working group. 1) "Like" us on [Facebook page!](#) 2) Sign on to our [statement of purpose](#). We welcome both institutional and individual endorsements. 3) Write a blog post, op-ed, or piece in your organization's newsletter or campus newspaper. If you are interested in this, we would be happy to help provide feedback and background articles, as well as help you think about ways to frame the piece. 4) Tweet about OCs OTC using the hashtags #OCsOTC and #freethepill. 5) Email [Dan](#) or [Kate](#) with any questions, comments, feedback, or other ideas.

## About us

The Oral Contraceptives (OCs) Over-the-Counter (OTC) Working Group is an informal coalition of reproductive health and rights organizations, nonprofit research and advocacy groups, university-based researchers, and prominent clinicians who share an interest in women's health and access to contraception. Our goal is to evaluate objectively the risks and benefits of demedicalizing contraceptive care, with an eye toward improving access to OCs and potentially other hormonal contraceptive methods by making them available without a prescription.

The working group is coordinated by Ibis Reproductive Health.



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