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Dear Working Group Member,

Space is filling up quickly for the upcoming OCs OTC working group meeting on October 23 in New York City. If you would like more information about the meeting or are interested in attending, please email [Bridgit Burns](#). We hope you will be able to join us! We also have information below about the EC Jamboree, which will take place immediately before the working group meeting on October 21-22.

We also wanted to share information about a review of insurance issues related to a future OTC OC that appears in the current issue of *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments about these materials.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan", is positioned above the typed name.

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Information about the EC Jamboree, October 21-22 in New York City

The 2013 annual meeting of the American Society for Emergency Contraception (ASEC) and the International Consortium for Emergency Contraception (ICEC), known as the EC Jamboree, will be held on October 21st & 22nd in New York City. This meeting brings together service providers, researchers, advocates, and industry representatives with an interest in promoting access to emergency contraception. If you would like more information or are interested in joining the ASEC and ICEC listservs to receive news, information, and updates about EC, please email Kelly Cleland at kcleland@princeton.edu.

Viewpoint: Insurance and access implications of an over-the-counter switch for a progestin-only pill

McIntosh J, Wahlin B, Grindlay K, Batchelder M, Grossman D. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*. 2013;45(3):164-9.

In this paper, we review information on current insurance coverage of OTC medications, including OTC contraceptives, and identify challenges and opportunities related to obtaining full coverage for a future OTC OC product. If you would like a copy of the article, please email [Ella Douglas-Durham](mailto:Ella.Douglas-Durham).

Get involved in the OCs OTC Working Group!

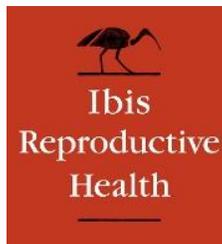
There are several ways you can get involved in the working group. If you haven't already, please sign on to our [statement of purpose](#). We are very pleased that over 50 organizations and individuals have signed on to the statement, including most recently ACOG, the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Women's Health Practice and Research Network, the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals, the Center for Reproductive Rights, Choice USA, NARAL Pro-Choice America, the National Health Law Program, the National Institute for Reproductive Health, the National Partnership for Women & Families, and Nursing Students for Choice, among many others.

Another way you can get involved in the working group is to 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.

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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