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Information for Informed Consent
IUC REMOVAL – MISSING STRING

What does it mean if my IUC string is missing?

When the IUC string is missing it cannot be seen or grabbed at the opening of your cervix.

- We can't be sure the IUC is in your uterus unless you had an ultrasound that showed that it is.
- Usually, an IUC is removed by gently pulling on the string. If the string is missing, removal is done by placing a small instrument into your uterus through the opening of your cervix to grab the IUC and pull it out.

You have decided to have it removed. You will lie on your back and we will put a speculum in your vagina. A small instrument will be placed into your uterus through the opening of your cervix to grasp the IUC and pull it out.

Before having your IUC taken out, you need to know the most common risks, side effects, and other choices you have. We are happy to answer any questions you have.

What are the risks of having the IUC taken out when the string is missing?

- Infection of the uterus — Most infections can be treated with medicines.
- Injury to the uterus (perforation) or other organs — The instrument may go through the wall of the uterus, which could damage organs inside the body like the intestines, bladder, or blood vessels. Treatment may mean just watching and waiting for a while or surgery on your belly.

What are the side effects of IUC removal?

Side effects don't usually last long and don't need to be treated.

- Mild or severe brief cramping during the removal
- Feeling lightheaded
- Light spotting or bleeding

Besides having the IUC taken out what other choices do I have?

You can keep your IUC as long as it's still effective.

What else do I need to know?

You can change your mind about having your IUC taken out.

If not already done, you can have an ultrasound to be sure the IUC is in your uterus.

No promise can be made about the outcome of your IUC removal. In the unlikely event that you need emergency

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medical care that cannot be provided at Planned Parenthood, you will be responsible for paying for it. This is the case even if Planned Parenthood sends you to a hospital because of a problem.

Your health is important to us. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us. We are happy to help you.

Call us right away at Orange 714-922-4122 or San Bernardino 909-915-2076 if you have

- Fever of 100.4°F or higher
- Belly pain or cramps that don't get better with medicine
- Bad-smelling discharge from your vagina

Signature of Patient (and person authorized to sign for patient when required)

Date

Relationship to Patient: self parent legal guardian other _____

I witness that the patient received this information, said it was read and understood, and there was an opportunity to ask questions.

Signature of Witness

Date