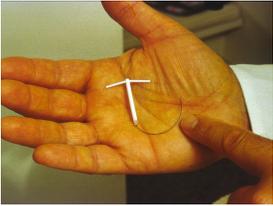
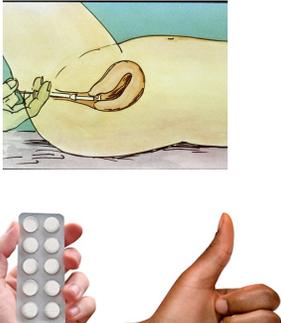


# The Intrauterine Device (IUD)

	<p>This is often called the COIL</p> <p>The IUD is a small copper and plastic device which is put into your uterus (womb)</p>
	<p>It is 99% effective</p>
	<p>It can stay in place for 5 to 10 years depending on type.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Side Effects</u></p> <p>Your periods may be heavier or longer. This may improve after a few months.</p> <p>Your periods may be more painful</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other Comments</u></p> <p>It requires a small procedure to put in and take out the IUD</p> <p>Not affected by other medicines</p>