MALE CONTRACEPTIVES

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Background

- Contraception traditionally the female's responsibility
- Both male and female contraceptives have been developed and are in use
- Condoms developed ~400 years ago (animal intestines)
- Vasectomies developed in late 1800s
- Research on novel male contraceptives ongoing for decades



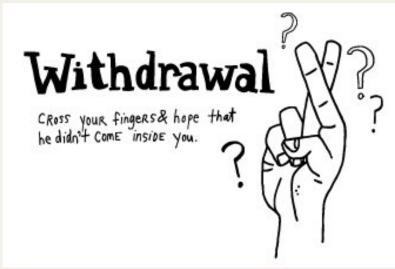
Why We Need It

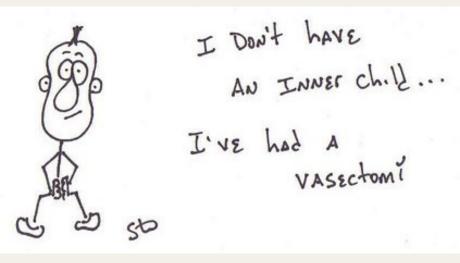
- Increasing World Population
- Unwanted Pregnancies
- Social Reasoning
- Acceptability



Existing Male Birth Control Options



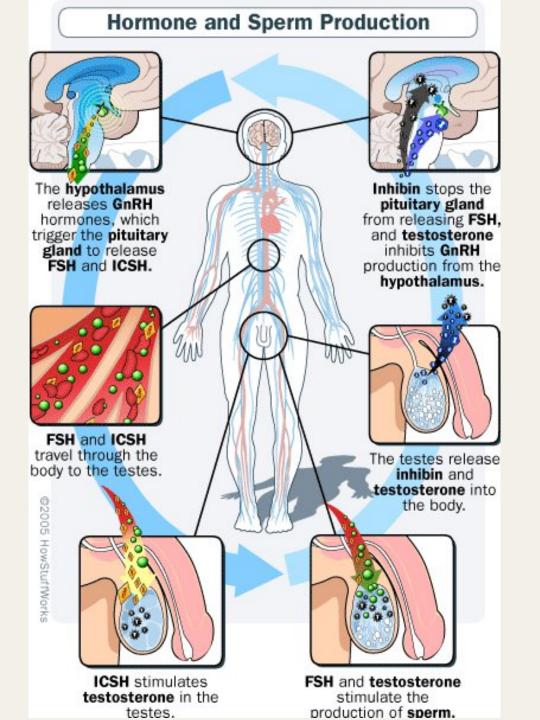




WHAT'S IN THE WORKS?

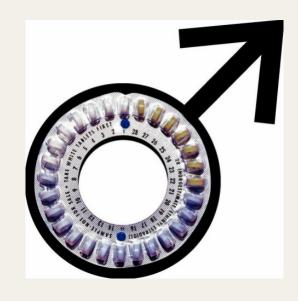
Prospective Hormonal Contraceptives

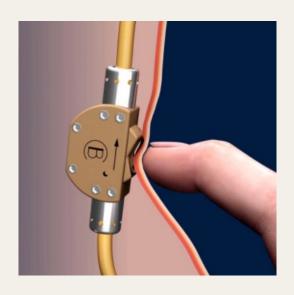
- Testosterone alone
 - Only effective in Asian men
- Testosterone + Progestins
 - Levonorgestrel
 - Etonogestrel
 - Norethindrone
 - Medroxyprogesterone



Prospective Non-Hormonal Contraceptives

- Reversible Inhibition of Sperm Under Guidance (RISUG)
- Spermatic Duct Valve
- Anti-Eppin Agent & other Contraceptive Vaccines
- Adjudin & other compounds that disrupt germ cell adhesion
- Gendarussa
- Clean Sheets Pill





The Greatest Obstacle: Funding

- Development of new methods
- Clinical Trials
- Some safer/more effective methods cost more
- Pharmaceutical industry has largely discontinued research
- Alternative funding methods not enough



Conclusion

- Promising potentials exist
 - Hormonal
 - Non-Hormonal
- More R&D needed
- More funding needed
 - Incentives
 - Clearer regulations
- It's time to make this happen!



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