

Table 1. Number of providers citing specified reasons for various restrictions on clients' access to contraceptive methods, by restriction and reason, according to method

Reason	Progestin-only pill	Combined pill	Injectable	IUD
Spousal consent	N=46	N=46	N=46	N=37
Family planning is a decision for both partners	15	14	16	11
Spouse may oppose use/choice of family planning	8	9	5	6
Provider may be blamed for problems	8	8	11	7
Husband may repudiate/punish wife	9	9	4	6
Method may cause infertility	2	2	9	1
Family planning may lead to infidelity	1	1	0	1
Method requires husband's knowledge	0	0	0	2
Other	3	3	1	3
Minimum age restrictions	N=41	N=41	N=71	N=24
Family planning is only for married couples	17	14	5	5
Method may cause (temporary) infertility	3	3	44	1
To discourage indiscriminate sex	2	2	0	1
Risk of complications is higher in young women	7	9	5	1
Verify fertility/avoid blame for infertility	2	3	4	2
Family planning is unsafe for young women	4	4	1	4
Other	6	6	12	10
Maximum age restrictions	N=47	N=47	N=37	N=22
Client is menopausal, so there is no need for family planning	14	15	24	17
Method is dangerous for older clients	23	25	7	2
Method may cause early menopause	1	1	3	1
Method is unacceptable to older clients	0	0	1	1
Other	9	7	2	1
Minimum parity requirements	N=32	N=32	N=80	N=33
Delayed fertility or infertility	24	24	75	13
Cervix/uterus is too tight in nulliparous women	na	na	na	13
Hidden diseases appear after birth of first child	2	2	1	0
If infertile, client may blame provider/method	3	3	1	3
Other	3	3	3	4

Note: na=not applicable.