

Table 1. Definitions of various condom failure rates

Measure	Numerator	Denominator
Nonclinical failure	No. of condoms that could not be used because of breaks, donning problems or defect	No. of condoms opened for use
Total clinical failure	No. of condoms that broke during intercourse or withdrawal, plus the no. that slipped off penis during intercourse or withdrawal	No. of condoms used for intercourse
Clinical breakage	No. of condoms that broke during intercourse or withdrawal	same
Complete slippage	No. of condoms that slipped off penis during intercourse or withdrawal	same
During intercourse	No. of condoms that slipped off penis during intercourse	same
During withdrawal	No. of condoms that slipped off penis during withdrawal	same
Total failure	No. of condoms that broke during package opening, donning, intercourse or withdrawal, plus no. that slipped off penis during intercourse or withdrawal, plus no. that could not be used (donning problems or defect)	No. of condoms opened for use
Total breakage	No. of condoms that broke during package opening, donning, intercourse or withdrawal	same
Total slippage	No. of condoms that slipped off penis during intercourse or withdrawal	same
Other failure	No. of condoms that could not be used for reasons other than breakage (donning problems or defect)	same