

TABLE 2. Selected measures of knowledge about emergency contraceptive pills, according to country and type of health care provider

Measure	Jamaica					Barbados				
	Total	Nurse	GP	Ob/gyn	Pharmacist	Total	Nurse	GP	Ob/gyn	Pharmacist
PERCENTAGES†										
Ever heard of the method	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.5***	97.2	100.0	100.0	100.0
Believe method can be safely used as often as needed‡	20.3	13.3	19.8	25.0	21.7	21.3***	14.3	28.6	66.7	12.5
Reported contraindication to use										
Age ≥35 and cigarette smoking	34.3***	42.9	27.0	18.8	47.1	50.3***	74.3	40.5	33.3	51.4
Ever had thromboembolic disease	70.6***	69.0	75.8	40.6	78.3	92.0	94.3	92.9	100.0	89.2
Ever had liver disease	60.7***	55.2	68.5	46.9	59.4	80.4	85.7	79.8	83.3	78.4
Currently breast-feeding	35.8***	10.7	42.2	15.6	47.1	57.6***	60.0	39.8	50.0	77.0
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS§										
No. of hrs. that method is effective after unprotected sexual intercourse††										
Within 24	12.7***	13.3	21.4	6.3	4.3	29.1***	33.3	34.2	66.7	18.3
Within 36	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
Within 48	3.6	3.3	6.7	3.1	0.0	10.6	9.1	12.7	0.0	9.9
Within 72	76.9	83.3	62.9	75.0	92.9	58.2	57.6	49.4	33.3	70.4
Within 120	5.9	0.0	7.9	15.6	1.4	1.1	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0
Don't know	1.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.4	0.5	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
Perceived mechanism of action										
Prevents pregnancy	68.4***	72.4	56.5	57.6	87.3	60.1***	77.1	54.8	50.0	58.9
Induces abortion	2.7	3.5	5.4	0.0	0.0	14.1	11.4	13.1	33.3	15.1
Prevents pregnancy and induces abortion	9.3	20.7	12.0	3.0	4.2	15.2	5.7	16.7	16.7	17.8
Other mechanism‡‡	17.8	0.0	23.9	36.4	8.5	9.6	2.9	14.3	0.0	8.2
Don't know	1.8	3.5	2.2	3.0	0.0	1.0	2.9	1.2	0.0	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

***p<.001. †Statistical comparisons are across provider groups within each country. ‡When asked the number of times a woman can safely use the method during a one-year period. §Statistical comparisons are across all listed responses and provider groups within each country. ††Among respondents who knew that the pills were to be taken after intercourse (N=222 in Jamaica, N=189 in Barbados). ‡‡In both countries, the most frequently mentioned were the prevention or inhibition of implantation. Notes: Missing data are excluded. GP=general practitioner. Ob/gyn=obstetrician-gynecologist.