

Contraceptive efficacy of two different metals using a modified seven vector

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Early studies with copper suggested that few improvements in overall IUD performance could be obtained with the use of more than 200 mm² of copper. Thus, the use of other metals paired with copper has been investigated. This report of two studies of the small Copper-7, one with zinc and the other with copper alone, suggests that the addition of zinc in the superior position of the small Cu-7 decreases the incidence of pregnancy and that the small Cu-7 may be associated with higher retention rates than the standard Cu-7.