

Sample Emergency Contraceptive Pills Screening Checklist

Essential question:

1. Have you had unprotected sex during the last 5 days (120 hours)? Yes No

– If “Yes”, then the client may be eligible for ECPs. It is important to take them as soon as possible after unprotected sex. After 120 hours (5 days) ECPs can no longer be considered to be effective.

Recommended questions to find out if the woman is already pregnant:

2. Was the last menstrual period less than 4 weeks ago? Yes No Don't Know

– If “No,” the client may be pregnant.

3. Was this period normal for you in both its length and timing? Yes No Don't Know

– If “No,” the client may be pregnant.

4. Is there reason to believe that you may be pregnant? Yes No Don't Know

– If “Yes,” the client may be pregnant.

If the client is not pregnant, ECPs may be given. If the client's pregnancy status is unclear, ECPs may still be given, with the explanation that the method will not work if she is already pregnant and will not harm the fetus. If the woman's last menstrual period was over 4 weeks ago or unusually short, she may be pregnant. If the client might be pregnant, ECPs are not right for her and she should see a doctor.

Recommended question to learn about drug interactions:

5. Are you taking the any of these drugs: rifampicin, griseofulvin, Saint John's Wort, anticonvulsant drugs or ritonavir.

Efficacy of ECPs could be affected by rifampicin, griseofulvin, Saint John's wort, certain anticonvulsant drugs and ritonavir. If the client is taking any of these drugs, advise her that the ECPs may be less effective for her, but will not cause her harm.