



Female Condom (FC2 Internal Condom)

DEFINITION	The female condom is an internal condom that is a one size barrier method of contraception to prevent direct contact with seminal fluid during vaginal intercourse. It is a non-latex nitrile sheath, which fits inside the vagina. The smaller ring at the closed end lies inside the vagina and wider ring at open end of sheath remains outside the vagina. It contains a silicone-based lubricant and provides full barrier protection of the vagina and part of the vulva. Provides protection against STI's as long as the condom does not slip out of place or is torn. It is classified as a class II medical device and the only FDA approved internal condom. It is only available in the US by prescription as of Oct. 2018 under the brand name FC2. Most insurances are covering this device.
SUBJECTIVE	May include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No history of allergy in client or partner to any component of the condom (nitrile sheath, polyurethane ring, and silicon-based lubricant) Note: Can be used by latex-allergic individuals. 2. No known history of vaginal/cervical anomalies.
OBJECTIVE	May include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No health assessment is needed prior to initiation of method 2. Vaginal or speculum examination is not indicated but may be performed if suspect vaginal or cervical abnormalities or anatomy that may prevent proper use. (Can be used by women with a retroverted uterus.)
LABORATORY	N/A
ASSESSMENT	Candidate for use of female condom
PLAN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide client with manufacturer's instructions. 2. Discussion with women regarding comfort level; use of the female condom requires a woman to be psychologically comfortable with vaginal insertion and removal. 3. Offer advanced emergency contraception as needed.
CLIENT EDUCATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review client education handout(s). Review manufacturer's inserts. Review side effects, complications, efficacy, and danger signs. Note: Stress that the female condom cannot be used with a male latex condom and female condoms are not reusable. 2. Review safer sex education, as appropriate. 3. Recommend that client RTC for method evaluation annually and PRN for problems. 4. Efficacy rate is 95% with perfect use. Typical use has 21% failure rate in first year. 5. It can be inserted up to 8 hours before sexual intercourse. No need for spermicide. 6. Prescription needed for use, may review FC2 website https://fc2.us.com for additional information of prescribers and pharmacy options.
CONSULT/ REFER TO PHYSICIAN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No specific need to refer to physician.

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