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Gynecology

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Pelvic Inflammatory Disease.

Out rule pregnancy. If systemically well treat as out-patient with GP follow otherwise refer to Gynaecology

Post-coital Contraception

The Emergency Department is not an appropriate place for dispensing the morning after pill as these women require counselling and follow up.

Missed Pills

- If a user is more than 12 hours late with a pill they should resume ASAP. However they will not be protected for the next 7 days.
- Users are not protected if 2 or more pills missed from first seven days of packet or if 4 mid-cycle pills missed (i.e. pill-free interval effectively > 4 days).
- First and last pills missed increase risk of failure due to increased pill-free days.

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