



Essure Sterilization

Essure is a permanent birth control procedure that can be done in the comfort of a physician's office in about thirteen minutes — without hormones, cutting, burning or the risks associated with general anesthesia and abdominal tubal ligation.

During the procedure, small, flexible micro-inserts are placed in the woman's fallopian tubes through the vagina and cervix. Within three months, the body forms a natural barrier around the micro-inserts that prevents the sperm from reaching the egg. A woman must continue to use another form of birth control during this time.

Three months after the Essure procedure, a doctor will order an Essure Confirmation Test to confirm that the tubes are fully blocked and that the woman can rely on Essure for permanent birth control. Having confirmation that the procedure is successful frees a woman from the fear of an unplanned pregnancy and the routine of temporary birth control.

Every woman must make the decision about whether permanent birth control is the right solution for her and her family. For many women, the ability to take control over their fertility and know that they are permanently protected from future pregnancies is very empowering and liberating.

Developed, manufactured and marketed by Conceptus Inc., the Essure procedure has been FDA-approved since 2002. It is 99.8% percent effective.

Most insurance companies cover the cost of the Essure procedure. However, patients should check with their insurance provider or physician to be certain. Visit www.essure.com to learn more about Essure.

The Essure procedure may not be suitable for all women and there are risks. The procedure is not reversible, and you must use another form of birth control for at least three months following the procedure. Risks may include cramping/pain, nausea/vomiting, dizziness/lightheadedness, bleeding/spotting. Visit www.essure.com for a complete list of risks and considerations.