

Pro-life Basics

My husband and I have been trying to conceive our third child since [one month ago], when I had my intrauterine device taken out. Since then... I've felt sick to my stomach, bloated and like a bottomless pit; all I want to do is eat. I'm very emotional, too... I've had bad headaches, backaches, light-headedness, hot flashes and cramping in my lower abdomen. Can you give me any advice?

Pain welled within me when I read this question. More than 40 years after my experience with the IUD and the miscarriage it caused, many women are still being misled about how the IUD works. So, I feel compelled to share this woman's agony as yet another example of how the contraceptive culture abuses women. I've also asked Dr. Anthony Dardano, former chief of ob-gyn at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Utica, New York, to respond:

Failure to conceive one month after having an IUD removed does not signal a fertility problem. The IUD, however, is an intrinsically evil device because of its abortion-producing mechanism. It creates an environment inside the uterus that does not allow a [newly created baby] to implant, thus causing its loss. This disruption of the cavity lining frequently [caus-

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es it to get] infected, and some of your symptoms may be that of a low-grade intrauterine infection. Furthermore, recent use of an IUD greatly enhances the chance of an ectopic pregnancy, which is a serious complication. Some of the symptoms you describe could also point in that direction.

Finally, you could also be newly pregnant. Therefore, seek the advice of a competent pro-life gynecologist and go from there. With

proper monitoring and care, your uterus should return to normal following the insult it took from the IUD. Of course, I trust you will avoid going back to the IUD in the future.

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