

sex talk.

answers to your questions about sex and relationships

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FREE MOVIE: "Girl Interrupted," featuring Academy Award Winner Angelina Jolie, at Gallagher Theater on Tuesday, October 6th at 6pm as part of Mental Illness Awareness Week.

Q I was wondering about getting birth control. Do I need to have Campus Health insurance in order to get it, and if not how much will it cost? I've already had a pap-smear within the last year but I do not like the birth control I am on right now and would like to switch. Do I have to make an appointment or can I just walk in?

A. Insurance is not required for any services at Campus Health. Any student taking one unit of credit (or more) is eligible for care.

Costs for birth control vary widely, depending on what you select. If you are interested in oral contraceptives, costs range from \$20 up to \$70+ for a month of pills. Most pill prescriptions filled at Campus Health are \$20. If you are interested in other methods, I suggest you check out

www.health.arizona.edu and search for "contraception" to look at the wide variety of methods available (i.e. Nuva-Ring, condoms, Intrauterine device (IUD), Depo-Provera, diaphragm, Implanon, cervical cap, etc). In addition to paying for the method you choose, there is a \$20 co-pay for the visit with a medical provider. To be seen by a women's health care specialist, simply call and make an appointment at 621.9202.

Q I'm 17 years old. Where can I get birth control?

A. Due to state regulations, The UA Campus Health Service cannot treat minors (under 18) without parental permission. If you are a UA student and your parents signed a "consent to treat minor" form on your behalf, you are clear to receive any treatment you come in for. Rest assured that Campus Health considers you an adult and will not initiate contact to notify your parents about your care (unless it is a life-threatening emergency).

We are interested in your health and safety.

Other local options for minors wanting birth control include Planned Parenthood (www.ppsaz.org) and the Pima County Health Department Family Planning office (www.pimahealth.org/family).

You can get care at both of these organizations without a consent form.



Have a question? Send it to sextalk@email.arizona.edu

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