METHOD PRIORITY GROUPS: Priority List

Refer to this list for the identification of specific methods in priority groups A, B, and C that are mentioned in the labels for the method-use items that have codes for sequential and simultaneous method use. These items are the ones that reflect month-by-month contraceptive method use captured by the method calendar.

For coding the method calendar, methods have been grouped according to priority and ranked within groups so that each method on the following list has a higher priority than any method below it on the list.

GROUP A -- HIGHEST PRIORITY

0110 = K  Female sterilization operation, tubal ligation
0140 = N  Vasectomy, male sterilization
0080 = H  Pill
0060 = F  IUD, coil, loop

GROUP B -- SECOND PRIORITY

0030 = C  Diaphragm with or without jelly or cream
0020 = B  Condom and foam, used together
0010 = A  Condom, rubber

GROUP C -- THIRD PRIORITY

0130 = M  Today sponge
0050 = E  Foam
0070 = G  Jelly or cream alone
0120 = L  Suppository, insert
0100 = J  Safe period by temperature or cervical mucus test, natural family planning
0090 = I  Rhythm or safe period by calendar
0150 = P  Withdrawal, pulling out
0040 = D  Douching after intercourse
0160 = Q  Any other method, make a response card