

**NORPLANT SYSTEM REMOVAL**

DEFINITION	This protocol covers the removal of the Norplant System.
SUBJECTIVE	Must include: 1. LMP. 2. Medical, sexual, and contraceptive history update, as appropriate. 3. Determine reason for removal. 4. No allergies to antiseptics or local anesthesia used for removal.
OBJECTIVE	Must include: 2. Palpate Norplant System capsules. May include: 1. Physical examination, if indicated.
LABORATORY	No specific lab required.
ASSESSMENT	Client presents with Norplant System and removal is desired/recommended.
PLAN	1. Have client document in the chart that she requests removal of Norplant System. Document the risks of removal (infection, bleeding, or inability to remove all capsules at this time) have been explained. Have client sign and date documentation. 2. Remove Norplant System per manufacturer's instructions.
CLIENT EDUCATION	1. Counsel client on choosing a different method of birth control if she is not having Norplant reinserted and does not desire a pregnancy. (Refer to chosen method protocol.) 2. Review safer sex education, if appropriate. 3. Recommend that client RTC for annual exam and PRN for problems.
CONSULT / REFER TO PHYSICIAN	1. Any client with an allergic reaction to local anesthetic. 2. Any client with difficult Norplant removal.

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References:

1. Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use. 3rd ed., 2004.
2. Contraceptive Technology, 18th Revised ed., 2004. Robert A. Hatcher, MD, MPH.
3. Managing Contraception. 2003-2004 Pocket Guide.