

Part 1: Current issues around Contraceptive implants: New sites, Evidence

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2) FPAA position statement on placement of Implanon NXT at alternative sites for vulnerable persons in clinical context:

The site of Implanon NXT subdermal placement into the upper inner non-dominant arm has been carefully considered to allow for easy access during insertion and removal, easy recognition of the device around the globe and to minimise any risk of neurovascular injury. On occasion Family Planning Organisations are asked about alternate placement sites, in particular in relation to vulnerable people, and while a reduction in efficacy is unlikely it is essential to assess potential for deep placement, migration and subsequent difficult removal. This presentation will consider situations when off label placement may be cautiously considered and review documented and anecdotal experiences from practitioners in the field.

3) Pre-pubertal implant discussions:

While contraceptive implants are not advised prior to menarche by the FSRH in the UK, Family Planning Organisations have received requests for advice in this regard. In this discussion we will consider the social, ethical and clinical issues related to the insertion of a contraceptive implant prior to menarche for a vulnerable young person who may be at risk of pregnancy prior to a next visit to a health care practitioner.