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“The Intimate Link: Sexuality's Critical Role in Contraceptive Use. New Models, New Findings”

Even though birth control methods are designed explicitly for use in sexual contexts, researchers and practitioners rarely consider the sexual aspects of contraceptives designed for female-assigned bodies. This “pleasure deficit” is not only gendered, but it weakens both scientific research and public health practice. However, a growing body of research suggests that sexual acceptability, or how contraceptive methods affect sexual experiences, could greatly influence affect contraceptive choice, contraceptive satisfaction and use over time, and sexual well-being more generally. In this presentation, I will provide examples of the pleasure deficit in contraceptive research and care, present new findings from research on sexual acceptability, and describe my currently-underway study of sexual acceptability among 4,000 new-start contraceptive users.

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