

obtained (2). Animal experiments suggest that this route of administration increases the potency of megestrol acetate to approximately 10 times that of the oral route.

A capsule small enough to be inserted under the skin through a hypodermic needle can be filled with an adequate supply of this progestin to last for more than three years. Contraceptive implants of this type could be removed at will, and there is no reason to believe that subsequent fertility would be impaired. Depending on the outcome of clinical studies that have been recently started (14), this form of low-dose progestin contraception may very well be one of the next developments in contraceptive methodology.

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