

that there was only a very slight increase between 1967 and 1969 in the total number of articles found in these journals discussing the various side effects encountered by users of oral contraceptives. Aside from the articles found in *GP*, which were mainly in the form of letters from physicians or brief reviews of papers appearing in other medical journals, the majority of the articles surveyed were in the form of research papers reporting studies conducted at major hospitals or medical centers.

SECTION I. *The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*

Articles discussing side effects of oral contraceptives, years 1967-69:	
Total number articles discussing side effects.....	35
Total number articles specifically cautioning against prescription in certain conditions.....	9
Breakdown of articles by type of side effect discussed, articles describing:	
"Usual" ¹ side effects.....	7
Effect on vascular system.....	9
Effect on metabolic processes.....	5
Effect on hepatic system.....	1
Effect on reproductive system.....	8
All other side effects ²	5

¹ Refers to broad spectrum of relatively mild complaints, such as nausea, weight gain, breakthrough bleeding, headache, etc., frequently reported by women on oral contraceptive therapy.

² Refers to articles discussing all other side effects, including the relationship between oral contraceptive and such things as thyroid function, cancer, intestinal infarction, arthritis, etc.

SECTION II. *GP, General Practice*

Articles discussing side effects of oral contraceptives, years 1967-69:	
Total number articles discussing side effects.....	7
Total number articles specifically cautioning against prescription in certain conditions.....	5
Breakdown of articles by type of side effect discussed, articles describing:	
"Usual" ¹ side effects.....	0
Effect on vascular system.....	3
Effect on metabolic processes.....	1
Effect on hepatic system.....	0
Effect on reproductive system.....	1
All other side effects ²	2

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SECTION III. *Obstetrics and Gynecology*

Articles discussing side effects of oral contraceptives, years 1967-69:	
Total number articles discussing side effects.....	37
Total number articles specifically cautioning against prescription in certain conditions.....	13
Breakdown of articles by type of side effect discussed, articles describing:	
"Usual" ¹ side effects.....	9
Effect on vascular system.....	2
Effect on Metabolic processes.....	7
Effect on hepatic system.....	2
Effect on reproductive system.....	12
All other side effects ²	5

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