

Q. If she didn't use the oral contraceptive?

A. No. There are other methods of contraceptives.

Q. The other methods of contraceptives such as the diaphragm involve no risk of health to the patient or to the female?

A. Not the way you stated the question. The diaphragm involves a little additional risk. Other methods don't.

Q. Does the diaphragm involve any risk, Doctor, to the female who uses it?

A. No.

Q. No risk to her life?

A. No.

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Q. What are the other ones in not taking the oral contraceptive?

A. If you just drive down the street, you have an increased risk of losing your life.

If you travel in an airplane, et cetera,—there are risks to everything. The way you are phrasing the question, I can't agree.

Q. That's correct, but driving down the street in an automobile has nothing to do with an oral contraceptive, does it?

A. No, except for the comparison of risk.

Q. And flying in an airplane has nothing to do with whether or not you are taking an oral contraceptive?

It doesn't have a thing to do with it, Doctor?

A. Except for the comparison of risk, which you are comparing.

Q. And when you get in your car, Doctor, you know that there is a risk that you might have an accident?

A. That is correct. That's right.

Q. And when you get into an airplane, as you did to fly out here to South Bend and testify in this case, you knew that there was a risk——

A. (Nodding.)

Q. (Continuing)—in airplane flight?

A. That's correct, yes.

Q. But you never tell your patients that there is a risk to the use of this oral contraceptive pill?

A. No, I do not.

Q. Isn't that correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. All right.

So, while the patient knows about the risk of life, she doesn't know about the risk of this pill, at least from your treatment of your patients, isn't that correct, Doctor?

A. Yes.

Q. All right.

Now, Doctor, you wrote an article recently that was published in the *Woman's Day* magazine?

A. Yes.

Q. And did you see that article before it was published?

A. Yes.

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Q. We talked about it?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you make this statement in this article: "There is some evidence of increases in both tendencies toward varicose veins and the increase of blood clotting disorders among pill users."

Is this a fair statement of what you said in that article?

A. Yes.

Q. And so, Doctor, you were talking about the risk of a blood clot?

A. I said there was some evidence.

Q. All right.

But when you were talking about the risk, you're talking about the risk that some evidence shows that oral contraceptives are related to blood clots?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, that was one of the facts that you were talking about in this article?

A. Yes.

Q. It wasn't one of the fallacies?

A. No.