

Implants Toolkit

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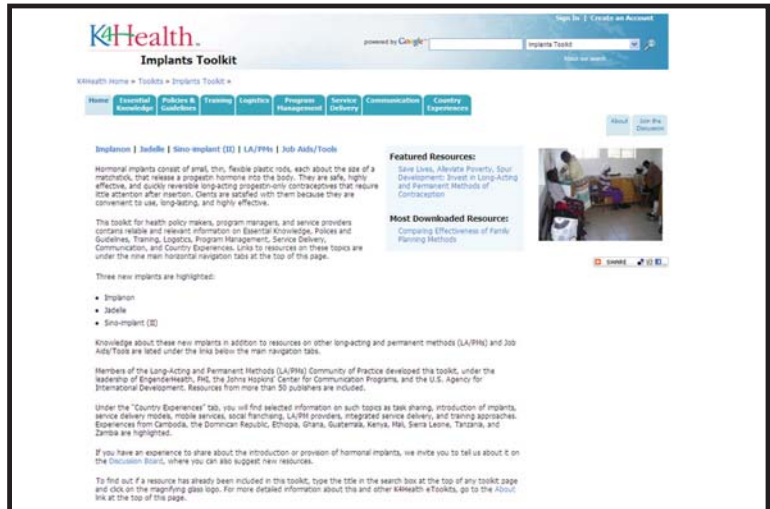
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Implants are a long-acting contraceptive method and one of the most effective reversible family planning methods ever developed. Despite their acceptability to women and their potential to significantly reduce the number of unintended pregnancies, they are underutilized. The Implants Toolkit (www.k4health.org/toolkits/implants) provides guidance and tools to update, expand or develop implant service provision programs. Expanding access to implants with high-quality services helps fulfill women's right to contraceptive choice and contributes to sustainable family planning programs.

The Implants Toolkit contains reliable and relevant information on essential knowledge, policies and guidelines, training, logistics, program management, service delivery, communication, and country experiences. Three new implants - Implanon, Jadelle, and Sino-implant (II) are also highlighted in the toolkit along with resources on other long-acting and permanent methods (LA/PMs) and job aids/tools.

Implant Toolkit Partners

The Implants Toolkit was developed by members of the Long-Acting and Permanent Methods (LA/PMs) Community of Practice under the leadership of EngenderHealth, FHI, the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Communication Programs, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Resources from more than 50 publishers are included in the toolkit. The partners invite users to provide feedback about the toolkit, suggest additional resources to fill information gaps, and share with other users how they have used or plan to use the toolkit. A built-in, moderated discussion board is provided for this purpose.



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Partners with expertise and experience in the topic develop the toolkits collaboratively using a series of online features, including audio- and video-conferencing tools, text chatting, and a commenting feature that allows invited collaborators to provide comments about individual resources and toolkit sections. This participatory approach guarantees that the toolkits are of the highest quality. The continuous publishing principle on which toolkits are based allows them to evolve after publication to capture additional resources and to identify and fill remaining information gaps.

(To see a list of all K4Health eToolkits and those in production go to www.k4health.org/toolkits. If you, or your organization, would like to develop a toolkit not already on the list, please contact the K4Health eToolkits team at: Toolkits@k4health.org.)

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Service Delivery

Ensuring good-quality implants services is a vital component and foundation of any implants program. Services should be client-centered, meaning that services are tailored to clients' needs and meet medical standards. This section of the Implants Toolkit includes information and tools to help service providers offer client-centered care, including resources to help with:

- [Screening](#)
- [Counseling](#)
- [Safe Insertion & Removal](#)
- [Supporting Implants Users](#)

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Screening

Who Can Use Implants?
 2010
 Implants Toolkit Working Group
 2 p
[English \(PDF\)](#)
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Implants can be used by almost all women of reproductive age. This brief outlines the World Health Organization's Medical Eligibility Criteria for who can (categories 1 and 2) and cannot (categories 3 and 4) use implants. [\[read more >\]](#)

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Country Experiences

Country experiences from Cambodia, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Kenya, Mali, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Zambia include many of the programmatic topics covered in the toolkit. Topics include: task sharing, experiences with introducing implants, conventional service delivery models, mobile services, social franchising, dedicated long-acting method providers, integrated service delivery, and training approaches.

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Task Sharing

Scaling Up Community-Based Service Delivery of Implanon: The Integrated Family Health Program's Experience Training Health Extension Workers
 2010
 Pathfinder International/Ethiopia
 8 p
[English](#)