1. One must perform a PAP smear before the initiation of COCs.
2. If a woman reports sexual dysfunction after the initiation of COCs, switching over to newer-generation COCs containing drospirenone and ethinylestradiol, or gestodene and ethinylestradiol may improve the symptoms.
3. One must not initiate COCs in a woman > 40 years old, even if she does not have any other risk factors.
4. Treatment of acne in adolescent girls can lead to sexual dysfunction.
5. Serum hormonal profile must be evaluated in any woman with sexual dysfunction.
6. Any women with systolic blood pressure (BP) \( \geq 160 \text{ mmHg} \) or diastolic BP \( \geq 100 \text{ mmHg} \) should not be prescribed COCs.
7. COCs can be initiated within three weeks of delivery if the woman requires contraception and is not breastfeeding.
8. For women with no medical history, there is no need for additional barrier contraception if COCs are initiated within five days from the last menstrual period.
9. One should avoid prescribing COCs to women who have diabetic retinopathy.
10. COCs are contraindicated in women with body mass index \( \geq 30 \text{ kg/m}^2 \).
11. Sexual history and function should be assessed before and after the initiation of COCs.
12. If baseline BP is normal before initiation of COCs, there is no need for a repeat BP measurement when the patient is on COCs.
13. COCs can cause dyspareunia.
14. Female sexual dysfunction is very rare and occurs in less than 10% of women worldwide.
15. COCs should not be initiated in a woman with a history of venous thromboembolism.
16. In women with migraine associated with aura, one should avoid initiation of COCs.
17. COCs can be used up to the age of menopause if the woman does not have other contraindications.
18. COCs should be avoided in women with a history of ischaemic heart disease or stroke.
19. Before initiation of COCs, one must perform a baseline liver function test.
20. Yearly PAP smear should be performed for a woman on COCs.

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