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Inflammatory bowel disease	(Ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease)	2/3*		2		2		1		1		1	
Ischemic heart disease‡	Current and history of	4		2	3	3		2	3	2	3	1	
Liver tumors	a) Benign												
	i) Focal nodular hyperplasia	2		2		2		2		2		1	
	ii) Hepatocellular adenoma‡	4		3		3		3		3		1	
	b) Malignant‡	4		3		3		3		3		1	
Malaria		1		1		1		1		1		1	
Multiple risk factors for arterial cardiovascular disease	(such as older age, smoking, diabetes and hypertension)	3/4*		2*		3*		2*		2		1	
Obesity	a) ≥30 kg/m ² body mass index (BMI)	2		1		1		1		1		1	
	b) Menarche to < 18 years and ≥ 30 kg/m ² BMI	2		1		2		1		1		1	
Ovarian cancer‡		1		1		1		1		1		1	
Parity	a) Nulliparous	1		1		1		1		2		2	
	b) Parous	1		1		1		1		1		1	
Past ectopic pregnancy		1		2		1		1		1		1	
Pelvic inflammatory disease	a) Past, (assuming no current risk factors of STIs)												
	(i) with subsequent pregnancy	1		1		1		1		1		1	
	(ii) without subsequent pregnancy	1		1		1		2		2		2	
b) Current	1		1		1		4		2*		4		
Peripartum cardiomyopathy‡	a) Normal or mildly impaired cardiac function												
	(i) < 6 months	4		1		1		1		2		2	
	(ii) ≥ 6 months	3		1		1		1		2		2	
b) Moderately or severely impaired cardiac function	4		2		2		2		2		2		
Postabortion	a) First trimester	1*		1*		1*		1*		1*		1*	
	b) Second trimester	1*		1*		1*		2		2		2	
	c) Immediately post-septic abortion	1*		1*		1*		4		4		4	
Postpartum (see also Breastfeeding)	a) < 21 days	4		1		1							
	b) 21 days to 42 days												
	(i) with other risk factors for VTE	3*		1		1		1					
	(ii) without other risk factors for VTE	2		1		1		1					
c) > 42 days	1		1		1		1						
Postpartum (in breastfeeding or non-breastfeeding women, including post-caesarean section)	a) < 10 minutes after delivery of the placenta							2		2		1	
	b) 10 minutes after delivery of the placenta to < 4 weeks							2		2		2	
	c) ≥ 4 weeks							1		1		1	
	d) Puerperal sepsis							4		4		4	
Pregnancy			NA*		NA*		NA*		NA*		4*		
Rheumatoid arthritis	a) On immunosuppressive therapy	2		1		2/3*		1		2		1	
	b) Not on immunosuppressive therapy	2		1		2		1		1		1	
Schistosomiasis	a) Uncomplicated	1		1		1		1		1		1	
	b) Fibrosis of the liver‡	1		1		1		1		1		1	
Severe dysmenorrhea		1		1		1		1		1		2	
Sexually transmitted infections (STIs)	a) Current purulent cervicitis or chlamydial infection or gonorrhea	1		1		1		1		4		2*	
	b) Other STIs (excluding HIV and hepatitis)	1		1		1		1		2		2	

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Sexually transmitted infections (cont.)	c) Vaginitis (including trichomonas vaginalis and bacterial vaginosis)	1		1		1		1		2		2	
	d) Increased risk of STIs	1		1		1		1		2/3*		2	
Smoking	a) Age < 35	2		1		1		1		1		1	
	b) Age ≥ 35, < 15 cigarettes/day	3		1		1		1		1		1	
	c) Age ≥ 35, ≥ 15 cigarettes/day	4		1		1		1		1		1	
Solid organ transplantation‡	a) Complicated	4		2		2		2		3		2	
	b) Uncomplicated	2*		2		2		2		2		2	
Stroke‡	History of cerebrovascular accident	4		2		3		3		2		3	
Superficial venous thrombosis	a) Varicose veins	1		1		1		1		1		1	
	b) Superficial thrombophlebitis	2		1		1		1		1		1	
Systemic lupus erythematosus‡	a) Positive (or unknown) antiphospholipid antibodies	4		3		3		3		3		3	
	b) Severe thrombocytopenia	2		2		2		2		2*		3*	
	c) Immunosuppressive treatment	2		2		2		2		2		2	
	d) None of the above	2		2		2		2		2		2	
Thrombogenic mutations‡		4*		2*		2*		2*		2*		1*	
Thyroid disorders	Simple goiter/hyperthyroid/hypothyroid	1		1		1		1		1		1	
	a) Non-pelvic	1*		1*		1*		1*		1		1	
Tuberculosis‡ (see also Drug Interactions)	b) Pelvic	1*		1*		1*		1*		4		3	
										4		4	
Unexplained vaginal bleeding	(suspicious for serious condition) before evaluation	2*		2*		3*		3*		4*		2*	
Uterine fibroids		1		1		1		1		2		2	
Valvular heart disease	a) Uncomplicated	2		1		1		1		1		1	
	b) Complicated‡	4		1		1		1		1		1	
Vaginal bleeding patterns	a) Irregular pattern without heavy bleeding	1		2		2		2		1		1	
	b) Heavy or prolonged bleeding	1*		2*		2*		2*		1*		2*	
Viral hepatitis	a) Acute or flare	3/4*		2		1		1		1		1	
	b) Carrier/Chronic	1		1		1		1		1		1	

Drug Interactions

Antiretroviral therapy	a) Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors	1*		1		1		1		2/3*		2*	
	b) Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors	2*		2*		1		2*		2/3*		2*	
	c) Ritonavir-boosted protease inhibitors	3*		3*		1		2*		2/3*		2*	
Anticonvulsant therapy	a) Certain anticonvulsants (phenytoin, carbamazepine, barbiturates, primidone, topiramate, oxcarbazepine)	3*		3*		1		2*		1		1	
	b) Lamotrigine	3*		1		1		1		1		1	
Antimicrobial therapy	a) Broad spectrum antibiotics	1		1		1		1		1		1	
	b) Antifungals	1		1		1		1		1		1	
	c) Antiparasitics	1		1		1		1		1		1	
	d) Rifampicin or rifabutin therapy	3*		3*		1		2*		1		1	

I = initiation of contraceptive method; C = continuation of contraceptive method; NA = Not applicable

* Please see the complete guidance for a clarification to this classification: www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/unintendedpregnancy/USMEC.htm

‡ Condition that exposes a woman to increased risk as a result of unintended pregnancy.