Where the rubber meets the road

Week of:
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Five kinds of condoms: A guide for consumers

Dear Alice,

My boyfriend and I have recently decided that we will use condoms and spermicide for contraceptive purposes. We have begun experimenting with various brands/types of condoms, which has caused concern. Can you explain the various types of condoms, and/or the advantages/disadvantages of each, i.e., effectiveness, etc. Lambskin vs. latex vs. polyurethane?? We are monogamous and primarily concerned with pregnancy prevention.

Thanks for the help!

— Condom Confusion

Condoms for masturbation?

Dear Alice,

Can condoms be used for masturbation? Or is that a waste?

— Resourceful

What is a female (internal) condom?
Alice,

What is a female condom?

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**Condom sizes... how do I know what fits?** [5]

Dear Alice,

In my shopping and looking for condoms, I NEVER come across a formal size chart. I have been
told that I was "endowed" and that I need to look toward larger sized models, but all I ever see is
"snug fit," "large," and "extra large," etc. How big is big? It would be most helpful if I knew what I
was buying before I actually bought it. Do you know of the sizes of some popular condoms, or of
a size chart resource?

Thanks,
Endowed

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**Time to go condom shopping! Brands, sizes, textures — What to buy?** [6]

Dear Alice,

I've never bought condoms before. I'm a smart shopper — I look at things like quality and value
when I buy anything — and I want to do the same with my condom purchases. But I don't know
what to look for!!! And I'm not sure I'm ballsy enough to walk up to the pharmacist and ask, "Now,
tell me, if your daughter were having sex, which brand of condom would you want her to use with
her boyfriend?"

I want a really effective condom, that doesn't, like, smell weird or fit poorly or anything. And I
don't want to whip it out and have my man laughing at it.

Who do I ask for advice on this??? Where do I go?

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