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2 Abstract

3 Objective: The purpose of this study was to determine the efficacy of using natural family
4 planning (NFP) methods to avoid unintended pregnancy among women of perimenopause age
5 (i.e., 40 – 55 years old).

6 Design: *A secondary analysis of subset data from two prospective observational cohort studies.*

7 Setting: A university based in-person and online NFP service program.

8 Participants: One hundred and sixty couples who utilized either a website or an in-person NFP
9 service to learn how to avoid pregnancy from January 2001 to November 2012.

10 Methods: A prospective 12-month effectiveness study among 160 women (between the ages of
11 40 and 55) who used NFP to avoid pregnancy. The women utilized either a hormonal fertility
12 monitor, or cervical mucus monitoring or both to estimate the fertile phase of their menstrual
13 cycle. Survival analysis was used to determine the pregnancy rate over 12 months of use.

14 Results: There were a total of 5 unintended pregnancies among the participants. The typical use
15 pregnancy rate was 6 per 100 women over 12 months. The monitor alone participants (n=35)
16 had a 12-month pregnancy rate of 3, the (n=73) who used mucus alone had a pregnancy rate of 4,
17 and the participants (n=42) who used the fertility monitor plus mucus had a pregnancy rate of 6.

18 Conclusion: NFP methods can be effective for older women to avoid an unintended pregnancy
19 *with correct use and adequate instructions.* The pregnancy rate most likely was affected by
20 diminished fertility and motivation to limit family size.

21 Key words: natural family planning; fertility monitoring; peri-menopause

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24 Call outs:

25 #1.

26 Little is known about the efficacy of natural family planning methods among perimenopause age
27 women.

28 #2.

29 There was a typical use unintended pregnancy rate of 4 per 100 women over 12 months of use
30 among perimenopausal age women using the Marquette Model of NFP.

31 #3.

32 Effectiveness of NFP methods among perimenopause age women is most likely confounded by
33 reduced fertility and a high motivation to avoid pregnancy.

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36 Use of natural family planning (NFP) by *perimenopausal* women (i.e., those who are 40
37 years age and above) can be a challenge. NFP during the perimenopause is difficult because the
38 menstrual cycle becomes more variable and the natural signs of fertility are difficult to track
39 (Brodin, Bergh, Berglund, Hadziosmanovic & Holte, 2008; Fehring & Schneider, 2006; Treloar,
40 Boyton, Behn, & Brown, 1967). Furthermore, the peri-menopause is a time of a woman's and
41 couples' life when they have completed their family size. There is also the greater chance of
42 having a child with congenital abnormalities such as downs syndrome during the later

43 reproductive ages (Beemsterboer, Homburg, Gorter, Schats, Hompes, & Lambalk, 2006;
44 Schmidt, Sobotka, Bentzen, & Andersen, 2012). Although fertility of women decreases with age
45 there still is a concern with unintended pregnancies especially among women with apparent
46 ovulatory menstrual cycles.

47 Little is known about use of NFP during the peri-menopause transition to infertility.
48 Conceptually, NFP is knowledge of and the ability to track the fertile phase of the menstrual
49 cycle with natural indicators of fertility (Fehring, Kitchen, & Shivanandan, 2009). With
50 knowledge of the fertile phase a couple can modify their behaviors to either avoid or achieve
51 pregnancy. The common natural indicators of fertility used in methods of NFP are changes basal
52 body temperature (BBT), cervical mucus changes, and urinary reproductive hormones. A
53 significant elevation from baseline of BBT occurs due to the rise in progesterone after ovulation,
54 cervical mucus becomes more profuse, stretchy, clear, and slippery due to the rise in estrogen
55 from the dominant follicle/egg complex, and hand held electronic fertility monitors are available
56 to track rising levels of estrogen from a dominant follicle and threshold levels of luteinizing
57 hormone (LH) that occurs about 24-36 hours before ovulation in urine samples. These natural
58 signs of fertility can be used alone or in combination to track the beginning, peak and end of the
59 fertile window and the variability from menstrual cycle to menstrual cycle (Fehring, Kitchen, &
60 Shivanandan, 2009).

61 Brown (2010) mentioned that the perimenopause transition to infertility is almost like the
62 reverse of the experience of menstrual cycle initiation and variability with adolescents.

63 Physiologically fertility decreases and the menstrual cycle becomes more variable due to a
64 significant decrease in egg/follicles in the ovaries, aging of the male and female gametes,
65 anovulatory menstrual cycles, large increases in follicle stimulating hormone (FSH), and

66 decreases in antimullerian hormones (AMH) (Brodin, Bergh, Berglund, Hadziosmanovic, &
67 Holte, 2008; Hale, Hughes, Burger, Robertson, & Fraser, 2009; Speroff & Fritz, 2005; Van
68 Zonneveld et al., 2003). Studies based on the Natural Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) have
69 shown that the prevalence of infertility after 12 months of attempting to achieve a pregnancy is
70 only 6.7% among those 20-24 years of age, but increases to 16.1% among women 30-34 years
71 and 22.9% among women 35-39 years (Chandra, Martinez, Mosher, Abma, & Jones, 2005).

72 The World Health Organization (WHO) (1990) published a report on the peri-menstrual
73 transition, diminishing fertility, and the use of family planning. The report indicated that 50% of
74 women over forty are potentially fertile but the risk of pregnancy for women 40-44 is about 10%,
75 around 2% for women 45-49, and not zero for women over the age of 50 (Metcalf, 1979; Gray,
76 1997). The severe decrease in fertility after the age of 45 was demonstrated by researchers that
77 observed records of all Israeli women who delivered naturally after the age of 45 and found only
78 209 women out of 104,659 who delivered a baby were 45 years or older or i.e., 0.2% of the total
79 (Laufer, Simon, Samueloff, Yaffe, Milwidsky, and Gielchinsky, 2009). The WHO report
80 recommended contraception until menopause is established and mentioned that due to the
81 irregular menses and amenorrhea that use of NFP would be impractical during the
82 perimenopause (1990). However, the report also mentioned that among women who have been
83 amenorrheic for one year, approximately 2% of them would experience a subsequent ovulation.
84 Hence there is still a concern for potential pregnancy and a recommendation for contraception
85 for one-year post menopause.

86 In reviewing the literature there are no studies that specify the efficacy of NFP among
87 perimenopausal women. A study was conducted with 36 users of the symptom-thermal method
88 of NFP (i.e., a combination of self-monitoring of mucus changes and BBT) who were between

89 the ages of 45 and 53 (Flynn, James, Collins, & Royston, 1991) and found that 33% of the
90 women were potentially fertile and that 61% of the 177 menstrual cycles charted were potentially
91 fertile. They did not determine efficacy of the method to avoid pregnancy.

92 Professional nurses at Marquette University have developed a method of NFP that
93 includes an electronic hormonal fertility monitor (EHFM) that measures metabolites of estrogen
94 and luteinizing hormone (LH) in the urine and provides an estimate of the fertile window
95 (Fehring, Schneider, & Raviele, 2007). Subsequent efficacy and effectiveness studies on this
96 new method called the Marquette Model (MM) of NFP for couples wishing to avoid pregnancy
97 ranged from 0-3 unintended pregnancies per 100 users over 12 months of use with correct use
98 and 8-13 with typical use (Fehring, Schneider, & Barron, 2008; Fehring, Schneider, Barron, &
99 Raviele, 2009; Fehring, Schneider, & Raviele, 2011; Bouchard, Schneider, & Fehring, 2013;
100 Fehring, Schneider, Raviele, Rodriguez, & Pruszynski, 2013). The purpose of this report is to
101 provide evidence for efficacy in the use of the MM of NFP for avoiding pregnancy among
102 women 40 to 55 years of age. *The specific research objectives were to determine the correct use
103 and the typical use unintended pregnancy rate among women age 40 to 55 years of age using the
104 MM of NFP. A secondary objective was to determine typical use pregnancy rates among
105 subpopulations of women 40 to 55 years of age using different forms of the MM, i.e., cervical
106 mucus monitoring (CMM) plus fertility algorithm, EHFM with fertility algorithm, and a
107 combination of CMM and EHFM plus fertility algorithm.*

108 **Methods**

109 **Research Design**

110 *This study was a secondary analysis of data collected from two 12 month prospective
111 efficacy studies of the new MM of NFP (Fehring, Schneider, & Raviele, 2007; Fehring,*

112 *Schneider, & Raviele, 2011)* and of new data collected prospectively since completion of the
113 *2011 study.* Data from each study was generated from two university based NFP programs i.e.,
114 an in-person NFP service program and an online NFP program. Both programs taught women
115 and couples how to use either a cervical mucus based method of NFP, a hormonal fertility
116 monitoring method of NFP, or both to avoid or achieve pregnancy. The in-person program was
117 initiated in 2001 and the online program in 2008. *There is an ongoing research effort with the*
118 *online program to determine the efficacy of the MM NFP (to help couples either achieve or*
119 *avoid pregnancy) and use by sub-populations, e.g., postpartum breastfeeding women (Bouchard,*
120 *Schneider, & Fehring, 2013), women wishing to achieve pregnancy (Mu & Fehring, 2014) and*
121 *now efficacy to avoid pregnancy among women between the age of 40 and 55.*

122 **Setting and Subjects**

123 *We were able to obtain 160 women who were between the age of 40 and 55 and who*
124 *sought to learn the MM of NFP from either an in-person nurse managed NFP service program*
125 *(n = 80) or an online nurse managed NFP service program (n = 80) from January 2001 to*
126 *November 2012. The participants learned about the online program or in person program*
127 *through word of mouth, online blogs, and/or NFP e-mail list services. The participants in the in*
128 *person program sought and received education and counseling in the MM of NFP from*
129 *professional nurse NFP teachers in private offices in the College of Nursing. The online*
130 *participants (n=115) received self-knowledge of the MM NFP method by reading the online*
131 *materials and charting their menstrual cycles in the online automatic charting system.*

132 *The age range of 40-55 was chosen as an inclusion criteria since fertility decreases*
133 *significantly by the age of 40, many couples have completed their family size, and because 40 is*
134 *the traditional age that NFP systems start to classify women as in the perimenopausal*

135 *reproductive category (Howard & Stanford, 1999). Pregnancy after the age of 55 is extremely*
136 *rare, in fact, the national survey of family growth (NSFG) only calculates pregnancy rates up to*
137 *the age of 44 (Trussell, 2011). The participants were at least three months past cessation of*
138 *breastfeeding or discontinuation of hormonal contraception. We sought to have a minimum of*
139 *100 participants in order to apply and obtain an adequate survival analysis based on 100 women*
140 *users over 12 months of use with a standard error of approximately of .05 or less.*

141 Both the in person and online versions of the NFP efficacy studies were approved by the
142 university office of research compliance. *All participants completed demographic registrations*
143 *forms and signed consent for this study either in person during a teaching session or to access*
144 *the online program. The 160 participants that met the age inclusion criteria were all women*
145 *that have registered and used either the in-person or online system, i.e., they were not selected*
146 *from a group of participants. Participants in these two programs came from over 47 states and*
147 *Canada.*

148 **Procedures**

149 *All participants charted their menstrual cycles, their estimate days of fertility, and days*
150 *of intercourse on either a paper chart (first study) or an online charting system (second study).*
151 Participants, who used the cervical mucus method, observed their cervical mucus on a daily basis
152 and rated their observations as *Low, High or Peak type mucus based on a provided pictorial*
153 *(online or in-person) diagram. The women who used the hormonal fertility monitor also rated*
154 *their fertility as Low, High, and Peak based on the information provided by the electronic*
155 *hormonal fertility monitor. The fertility monitor (the Clearblue Easy Fertility Monitor) provides*
156 *a Low fertility reading until it detects a significant rise in urinary estrogen from base line to*
157 *provide a High reading, and the Luteinizing hormone (LH) threshold to provide a Peak reading*

158 (May, 2001). When using both cervical mucus and the fertility monitor they were instructed to
159 wait for both the monitor and mucus to establish their daily fertility. All women used a fertility
160 algorithm along with their fertility indicators, i.e., fertility begins on day 6 of the menstrual cycle
161 and lasts three full days past the last peak reading of either the mucus or monitor. After 6 cycles
162 of charting, fertility begins with the earliest Peak recording from the previous 6 cycles minus 6
163 days. *All participants indicated their intention to avoid or achieve pregnancy on each menstrual*
164 *cycle chart before beginning the charting for that menstrual cycle. One page protocols on the*
165 *MM method and use with special reproductive categories (i.e., postpartum breastfeeding) can be*
166 *found at <http://nfp.marquette.edu>. This web site also has one page Quickstart instructions that*
167 *could be used for replication and visual pictures of the three levels of cervical mucus*
168 *observations.*

169 **Measurement of Outcomes**

170 All pregnancies were reviewed by two professional nurse NFP teachers with use of a
171 pregnancy evaluation form that included feedback by the user and by assessing the menstrual
172 cycle chart in which the pregnancy occurred. The pregnancy evaluation form was developed by
173 Gray and Kambic (1984) for NFP service programs as an aid for assessing and determining
174 pregnancy rates. Two professional nurses, *trained and certified in NFP*, reviewed all
175 pregnancies and all pregnancy menstrual cycles, and classified the pregnancy as either a correct
176 use unintended pregnancy or an inconsistent or incorrect use pregnancy – *with 100% agreement*.
177 To determine the correct use pregnancy rates only menstrual cycle charts with correct use (i.e.,
178 no intercourse during the estimated fertile phase) were included in the analysis. Typical use
179 pregnancy rates included menstrual cycles with correct use and incorrect or inconsistent use. Of

180 the 160 women, we were able to determine correct use pregnancy rates among the 80 women
181 who used the online NFP program.

182 *Data from the demographic forms and the paper and online menstrual cycle charts were*
183 *entered into a data set by a professional nurse NFP provider and was validated by two advanced*
184 *practice graduate student NFP trained nurses. The data set included age of the woman*
185 *participant, numbers of menstrual cycles charted using the NFP method, the number of correct*
186 *use and incorrect use cycles, unintended pregnancies, and whether the pregnancy was due to*
187 *correct use or not*

188 **Analysis of Data**

189 Analysis of pregnancy rates followed the recommended instructions by Lamprecht and
190 Trussell (1997). Survival analysis (Kaplan Meier) was used to determine both correct use and
191 typical use pregnancies rates with the statistical package for social sciences (SPSS Version 9)
192 software. Analysis by research objectives were as follows: 1) to determine the correct use
193 pregnancy rates only menstrual cycles with correct were used in the analysis, 2) to determine
194 total or typical pregnancy rates the total of correct use, inconsistent use, and incorrect use
195 menstrual cycles were used in the analysis, and 3) pregnancy rates with the subpopulation of
196 CMM users, EHFMM users, and combination of CMM plus EHFMM use (plus a fertility algorithm)
197 was based on correct use and incorrect use menstrual cycles. Cumulative pregnancy rates were
198 calculated with two different censoring variables: correct use (also referred to as perfect use) and
199 total cycles.

200 **Results**

201 **Demographics**

202 The mean age of the 160 female participants was 41.2 ($SD = 2.4$) with an age range of
203 40–54 years. Fifteen of the participants were 45 years of age or older. The participants were
204 married a mean of 13.3 years ($SD = 7.3$) and a range of 1-32 years. They had a mean of 5.2 (SD
205 $= 2.6$; range 0-13) pregnancies and a mean 4.2 live children ($SD = 2.2$; range 0-9). All
206 participants were married, 94% were of the Catholic faith, and 79% were Euro-Americans; 9%
207 were Hispanic American. Thirty-five of the participants used only the fertility monitor, 73 used
208 only cervical mucus, and 52 used both mucus and monitor to estimate the fertile phase of the
209 menstrual cycle. They produced 1,221 menstrual cycles of data, 452 of which were with correct
210 use and 289 with incorrect or inconsistent use.

211 **Unintended pregnancy rates**

212 *Research Objective One -- correct use pregnancy rate:* We were able to determine the
213 correct use pregnancy for those ($n = 79$) participants who used the online system to learn and
214 chart the Marquette Model of NFP. There was only 1 correct use unintended pregnancy which
215 yielded a survival pregnancy rate of 1.5 pregnancies per 100 users over 12 months of use.

216 *Research Objective Two -- total or typical pregnancy rate:* There were a total of 5
217 unintended pregnancies for all participants ($n = 160$) that produced a typical unintended
218 pregnancy rate of 6 per 100 users (i.e., 94% survival) over 12 months of use (See Table 1 for
219 pregnancy rates by cycles of use).

220 *Objective Three -- subgroup pregnancy rates:* There was one unintended pregnancy
221 among the participants ($n = 35$) using only the EHF_M plus fertility algorithm (with a survival
222 pregnancy rate of 3 per 100 women over 12 months of use), 2 pregnancies with the ($n = 73$)
223 CMM only participants (with a survival analysis of 4 pregnancies per 100 users over 12 months
224 of use), and 2 unintended pregnancies among the ($n = 52$) participants who used both monitor

225 and mucus as fertility indicators (with a survival pregnancy rate of 6 per 100 users over 12
226 months of use) (See Table 2).

227 **Discussion**

228 *The results of this report indicate that use of the MM of NFP among older women (i.e.,*
229 *age 40-55) can be an effective means of avoiding unintended pregnancy especially with correct*
230 *use and consistently following the instructions to avoid intercourse during the estimated fertile*
231 *phase of the menstrual cycle. Our report provided a pregnancy rate of 6 among the older women*
232 *users (between the ages of 40-54 years) of either cervical mucus only method, mucus plus*
233 *fertility monitor method, or a combination of mucus plus fertility monitor method of NFP and a*
234 *correct use rate of only 1.5. This rate compares with unintended pregnancy rates of our previous*
235 *NFP efficacy studies of 7-16 typical use unintended pregnancies per 100 women over 12 months*
236 *of use and 0-3 correct use pregnancies among younger women between the ages of 18-42 years*
237 *(Fehring, Schneider, Raviele, & Barron, 2007; Fehring, Schneider, & Barron, 2008; Fehring,*
238 *Schneider, Barron, & Raviele, 2009; Fehring et al., 2011; Fehring, et al., 2013) and among*
239 *women using our special postpartum protocol to avoid pregnancy (Bouchard, Fehring, &*
240 *Schneider, 2013). These unintended pregnancy rates also are within the range of efficacy of*
241 *other methods of NFP, for example, a simplified mucus only method and a standard day calendar*
242 *method, and in particular the ovulation method (World Health Organization, 1981; Arévalo,*
243 *Jennings, & Sinai, 2002; Arévalo, Jennings, Nikula, & Sinai, 2004; Frank-Herrmann, Et al.,*
244 *2007;). Furthermore, the unintended pregnancy rate is comparable to the 8-9 per 100 women*
245 *who use hormonal birth control (Trussell, 2011).*

246 However, the perimenopausal women in this data set were rather young. We had only 15
247 participants that were 45 years of age or older *and no pregnancies were from women older than*

248 44 years. Three of the unintended pregnancies were within the first menstrual cycle post-partum
249 among the younger women in the data set. *There is an obvious bias in this study towards*
250 *younger women in the 40-55 age group, however, this bias is toward more fertile women*
251 *participants. Furthermore, all of the participants had what appeared to be ovulatory menstrual*
252 *cycles based on the estimated day of ovulation and normal looking phases of the menstrual cycle,*
253 *i.e., follicular and luteal phase lengths. How fertile these 15 post 45-year-old women are*
254 *remains to be determined, as indicated by the Israeli study of older women, the pregnancy rate is*
255 *only .2% (Laufer et. al., 2009). An obvious limitation of this study is the rather homogenous*
256 *nature of the participants, being mostly white, educated and middle class. So too, this study had*
257 *a relatively small number of participants. Finally, it is not known how much the reduction in*
258 *fertility among these women contributed to the results.*

259 *A recent study comparing the efficacy of using the EHF_M versus CMM showed that the*
260 *EHF_M method was more effective in helping women avoid unintended pregnancy (Fehring, et*
261 *al., 2013). In the current study, we also found that there was a lower pregnancy rate among our*
262 *study participants that were only using the EHF_M with a fertility algorithm to estimate the fertile*
263 *phase. The lower rate might be due to the more objective and accurate nature of hormonal*
264 *monitoring with the electronic fertility monitor than the more subjective method of CMM.*
265 *Furthermore, the highest unintended pregnancy rate in this study was among the women who*
266 *used a combination of EHF_M and CMM. The higher pregnancy rate with the combination*
267 *methods might be because the NFP method is too complex, is difficult to use with consistency,*
268 *and the multiple indicators lengthens the required abstinence. Length of required abstinence*
269 *with NFP methods correlates with taking chances during the long fertile phase and as a result,*
270 *higher unintended pregnancy rates (Fehring, 2009). These results should be taken with caution*

271 *as they are not a result of a randomized comparison study and there needs to be many more*
272 *participants with each method (i.e., approximately 500 participants for each method) in order to*
273 *have enough statistical power to analyze statistical differences in unintended pregnancy rates.*

274 The implication from a practice standpoint is that older women who are still ovulating
275 and wish to use natural methods of family planning (and in particular the MM) can do so with
276 *confidence of its efficacy when used with correct use.* So too, health professionals could
277 recommend these methods for older women, *especially those who might have health*
278 *considerations for use of hormonal methods of family planning or who wish to use natural*
279 *methods of family planning to avoid health risks or for religious reasons.* However, there is the
280 question as to how much the effectiveness of these NFP methods are due to reduced fertility
281 among older women. A clinical implication is that women over 45 could be informed that their
282 fertility is reduced to a level of about 2% or less, about the same as correct use of the male
283 condom and better than typical use of hormonal contraception (i.e., 7-9 unintended pregnancies
284 with use of the hormonal pill). They can also be informed that there are ways of monitoring their
285 fertile phase *with guidance from competent professional nurse NFP teachers* until menstrual
286 cycle variability indicates infertility. *We recommend that woman (especially those with serious*
287 *reasons to avoid pregnancy) utilize professional nurses who have completed NFP teacher*
288 *training programs that meet established standards (Fehring, 2004).*

289 *Another factor that might have influenced low unintended pregnancy rates in this study is*
290 *motivation.* Motivation in avoiding pregnancy is important for NFP efficacy as was recently
291 determine with the Marquette Model of NFP (Fehring, Schneider, Barron, & Pruszynski, 2013).
292 Assessing motivation to avoid (whether using NFP or any other behavioral methods of family
293 planning) is important. Most couples and women who are older and who have completed their

294 family size usually have high motivation. Rice, Lanctôt, and Garcia-Devesa (1981) discovered
295 that couples who had limited their family size had a pregnancy rate of 4.5% with use of NFP
296 *compared with a pregnancy rate of 15% among couples who were still spacing their children.*
297 Although couples who are limiters are generally older than delayers, the Rice, et al., (19981)
298 study did not determine efficacy of NFP among women in the perimenopause transition.

299 Future research is recommended with a larger and more diverse sample of women and
300 couples. Comparison of the MM of NFP with other forms of *NFP and various combinations of*
301 *self-indicators of fertility* could also be conducted. A high priority would be to determine what
302 indicators would determine when a woman is no longer fertile or that her fertility is so low that
303 there is no concern. There might be some simple algorithms of cycle length and hormonal
304 variability (*such as FSH and/or AMH blood levels*) that indicate infertility. Significant decreases
305 in AMH, high levels of FSH, and running differences in the length of the menstrual cycle *have*
306 *been found* to be somewhat predictive of pending menopause (Ferrell et al., 2007; Freeman,
307 Sammel, Lin & Gracia, 2012; Santoro, Brockwell, & Johnston, et al., 2007; Taffe & Dennerstein,
308 2002). Some of these algorithms are currently being tested (Taffe & Dennerstein, 2002; Brodin
309 et al., 2008; Hale et al., 2007; Santoro et al., 2007).

310 We concluded that use of the MM of NFP among older women can be very effective for
311 those who have serious reasons to avoid pregnancy. However, the high efficacy to avoid
312 pregnancy might in large part be a reflection of diminished fertility among older women and
313 their motivation to do so. More research needs to be conducted as to when women can be
314 confident that they are no longer fertile during the perimenopausal transition.

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Table 1**Total pregnancy rates of NFP use ($n = 160$) per 100 women over 12 menstrual cycles of use**

	Preg.	Estimate	Std. Error	Pregnancy rate
3 cycles:	3	0.97	.01	3
6 cycles:	0	0.97	.01	3
9 cycles:	1	0.96	.02	4
12 cycles:	1	0.94	.03	6
Total pregnancies	5			6

Table 2. Twelve cycle typical (total) survival rates in avoiding an unintended pregnancy by NFP method; 1) electronic hormonal fertility monitor (EHFM), 2) cervical mucus monitoring (CMM), and 3) combination of EHFM and CMM.

<u>NFP Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u># Preg.</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Std. Error</u>	<u>Rate</u>
EHFM	35	1	0.97	0.03	3
CMM	73	2	0.92	0.06	4
EHFM+CMM	52	2	0.94	0.04	6
