

Introducing



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**The makers
of ParaGard[®]**

T 380A Intrauterine Copper Contraceptive




Introducing FEI Women's Health

FEI Women's Health LLC is an affiliate of FEI Products LLC, the original and continuing manufacturer of ParaGard® T 380A Intrauterine Copper Contraceptive. On January 1, 2004, FEI Women's Health assumes full responsibility for ParaGard in the United States. FEI Women's Health is proud of ParaGard and proud to bring ParaGard directly to healthcare professionals and their patients.

Listening to clinicians' needs

In our new role, FEI Women's Health is dedicated to providing quality services to support both healthcare professionals and their patients who use ParaGard.



ParaGard® is in good hands

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FEI knows ParaGard better than anyone. In the early 1960s, FEI Products helped Dr. Jack Lippes develop the plastic double-S Lippes Loop™. The Loop was invented under a grant from the Population Council, a nonprofit biomedical research organization in New York. FEI Products continued working with the Council as it fulfilled its mission to advance the science of intrauterine contraception.

Council scientist Dr. Howard J. Tatum developed a small T-shaped plastic IUD that required no sizing. And in 1968, former Council fellow Dr. Jaime Zipper discovered that contraceptive efficacy could be significantly increased by adding copper to the plastic T. The question was, could copper be applied to the plastic frame without reducing flexibility or adding undesirable mass?

The first Copper T IUD, called the Copper T 200, received FDA approval in 1976. In an effort to increase contraceptive duration and effectiveness, the Council, with FEI Products, began work on an advanced series of copper-containing IUDs. FEI helped select materials, produced prototypes, made some refinements in design, and eventually developed the process for high-quality mass production.

The result was the Copper T Model TCu 380A, a small, flexible Copper T with the largest copper surface area of any marketed IUD. The vertical stem of the T 380A is wrapped in thin copper wire. To further increase the copper surface, a portion of each transverse arm is encircled by a small copper collar.



The Copper T 380A received US FDA approval in 1984. By 1988, FEI Products was supplying Copper T 380As to the US market as well as to the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), among other international agencies.

Today, the Copper T 380A is the most widely used intrauterine contraceptive in the world. And FEI Products remains the sole American manufacturer, supplying all ParaGard Copper T 380As used in the US, as well as having provided more than 70 million Copper T 380As worldwide.

Every American-made Copper T 380A is manufactured to the highest quality standards in FEI's state-of-the-art facility in upstate New York.

Same product, important new services

FEI's relationship with the Copper T 380A expands as FEI Women's Health assumes full responsibility for ParaGard.

To provide greater services to healthcare professionals we are investing in product education and training for clinicians. To support clinical practices, a new patient credit card payment program and reimbursement assistance have been put in place. And to help patients learn more about their contraceptive options, new patient education materials are being created.

We are proud of ParaGard—and proud to be bringing ParaGard directly to you. You may contact us at info@fei-womenshealth.com

The logo features the lowercase letters "fei" in a blue, cursive-style font. A green swoosh underline starts under the "i" and curves around the bottom of the "e".

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Innovation and Excellence in Contraception