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The Oral Contraceptives (OCs) Over-the-Counter (OTC) Working Group is an informal coalition of reproductive health and rights organizations, nonprofit research and advocacy groups, university-based researchers, and prominent clinicians who share an interest in women's health and access to contraception. Our goal is to evaluate objectively the risks and benefits of demedicalizing contraceptive care, with an eye toward improving access to OCs and potentially other hormonal contraceptive methods by making them available without a prescription.

The working group is coordinated by Ibis Reproductive Health.

Dear working group member,

In today's *New York Times*, Kelly Blanchard of Ibis Reproductive Health has an op-ed about how over-the-counter provision of oral contraceptives could improve access to effective contraception.

In addition, OTC access to OCs was highlighted in the April issue of *Pharmaceutical Commerce*.

- Kelly Blanchard's op-ed in the *New York Times* (6/22/10): ["Let the Pill Go Free"](#)
- *Pharmaceutical Commerce* article (4/30/10): ["The Pill as OTC - Access Versus Health Concerns"](#)

Please let me know if you have any comments or questions about these pieces.

Thanks,
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