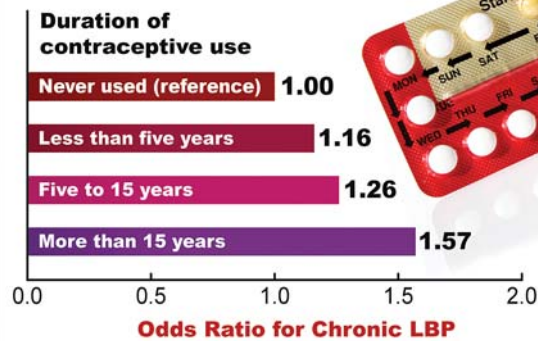


Contraceptive Use Linked to Chronic Low Back Pain

In a recent study designed to evaluate the influence of hormonal and reproductive factors on low back pain in women, contraceptive use was associated with an increased risk of suffering chronic LBP, and the risk increased incrementally according to duration of use.



SOURCE: Wijnhoven HAH, de Vet HCW, Smit HA, Pcavet HSJ. Hormonal and reproductive factors are associated with chronic low back pain and chronic upper extremity pain in women – The Morgen Study. *Spine*, June 1, 2006;31(13):1496-1502.