

TABLE 2. LARC Placement and Pregnancy Characteristics Among U.S. Active Duty Service Members with LARC Placement 2017–2018 and Diagnosed Unintended Pregnancy in the Following Year, Overall and by Outcome Type

Characteristics	All Unintended Pregnancies		LARC Failure		Outcome Type	
	No.	%	No.	%	Undetected Pregnancy at Placement	
					No.	%
Total	76	—	42	—	34	—
LARC type						
Implant	36	47.4	5	11.9	31	91.2
Hormonal IUD	23	30.3	20	47.6	3	8.8
Copper IUD	17	22.4	17	40.5	0	0.0
Placement characteristics						
Pregnancy test prior to placement	72	94.7	39	92.9	33	97.1
Postpartum placement ^a	6	7.9	5	11.9	1	2.9
Days from last menses to placement						
≤7 days	12	15.8	12	28.6	0	0.0
>7 days	64	84.2	30	71.4	34	100
Placement provider type						
Certified nurse midwife	12	15.8	7	16.7	5	14.7
Nurse practitioner	17	22.4	9	21.4	8	23.5
Physician	42	55.3	24	57.1	18	52.9
Physician assistant	3	3.9	1	2.4	2	5.9
Other or unknown	2	2.6	1	2.4	1	2.9
Months from most recent delivery to placement^b						
Mean ± SD	25.1 ± 36.8		23.1 ± 38.1		29.5 ± 35.0	
Median (IQR)	6 (2-33)		2 (2-25)		12 (4-47)	
Confirmatory imaging of LARC						
Retention	12	15.8	10	23.8	2	5.9
Expulsion	13	17.1	13	31.0	0	0.0
Perforation	1	1.3	1	2.4	0	0.0
No imaging records available	50	65.8	18	42.9	32	94.1
Months from placement to pregnancy identification						
Mean ± SD	4.5 ± 3.8		7.1 ± 3.1		1.3 ± 1.4	
Median (IQR)	4 (1-7)		7 (5-10)		1 (0-2)	
Pregnancy outcome						
Live birth	43	56.6	26	61.9	17	50.0
Stillbirth	1	1.3	1	2.4	0	0.0
Ectopic pregnancy	5	6.6	3	7.1	2	5.9
Spontaneous abortion	12	15.8	7	16.7	5	14.7
Elective or therapeutic abortion	15	19.7	5	11.9	10	29.4

Abbreviations: LARC, long-acting reversible contraception; IUD, intrauterine device; SD, standard deviation; IQR, interquartile range.

^aPostpartum placement was defined as those occurring within 6 weeks after delivery.

^bThis measure included 42 service members with a known prior delivery.