

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**CERVICAL BARRIER ADVANCEMENT SOCIETY  
STATEMENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PRENTIF CERVICAL CAP**

**Cambridge, MA** – The Cervical Barrier Advancement Society (CBAS) is disappointed by the recent news that the Prentif cervical cap will no longer be available in the United States. Cervical Cap, Ltd., which closed its doors in March 2005, was the sole distributor of the Prentif cervical cap in the United States. With its closure, American women lose access to a safe, effective contraceptive option. While cervical cap use has been declining in the U.S., this method remains an important option for many women, including those who need or want a non-hormonal contraceptive method.

Cervical Cap, Ltd. has served women and health care providers since 1988. In a statement released by Cervical Cap, Ltd. on their website ([www.cervcap.com](http://www.cervcap.com)), they report that Lamberts (Dalston), Ltd. U.K., the manufacturer of the Prentif cervical cap, will no longer carry product liability insurance and has substantially increased prices due to declining sales. In addition, they report that the U.K. manufacturing plant for the Prentif cervical cap will close in a few months. Beyond this statement, there is no additional information available from Cervical Cap, Ltd. about whether or not the Prentif cervical cap will continue to be available in countries outside of the U.S.

We hope that women who currently use the Prentif cap will be able to access information on other cervical barrier options (our website provides detailed information on cervical barriers [www.cervicalbarriers.org](http://www.cervicalbarriers.org)), and hope to see new products come on to the market in the future.

*The Cervical Barrier Advancement Society (CBAS) aims to raise the profile of CBs, both for preventing pregnancy and potentially also HIV/STIs. CBAS members support the availability of safe, effective cervical barrier methods, and this organization laments the fact that such a method will no longer be available to American women.*

More information about CBAS is available at [www.cervicalbarriers.org](http://www.cervicalbarriers.org).