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American physician who introduced the intra-uterine device (IUD) for birth control. The IUD is a small, inert, plastic device that is inserted into the uterus to prevent pregnancy. Although the manner in which the IUD helped prevent pregnancy was not fully understood for some time, its effectiveness could not be argued. More certain than many forms of birth control and less expensive than others, the IUD remained very popular for many years.