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NOVEL MALE CONTRACEPTIVES ON THE HORIZON

New Executive Director and Website Pave the Way for Contraception Innovation

RALEIGH, NC – As a new hormonal contraceptive - the male pill - begins clinical trials, Male Contraceptive Initiative (MCI) is leading the way towards a menu of safe, effective, reversible family planning options, providing support for scientific researchers around the globe

Heather Vahdat, MPH, has joined the MCI team in the position of Executive Director this month. With more than 15 years of experience in contraceptive development and reproductive health research, most recently as Associate Director of Contraceptive Technology Innovation at FHI360, Heather will be moving the field towards advancement of novel non-hormonal male family planning methods in our lifetime.

MCI has launched its new website at www.malecontraceptive.org with extensive sections on male contraceptives in the R&D pipeline. “There are scientists all over the world working on biomedical and herbal products as well as new devices for FDA approval that men can use to participate in personal family planning decisions. I’m excited to be a part of the team bringing information about male contraception research to the global stage,” stated Heather Vahdat, Executive Director of MCI.

Logan Nickels, Director of Programs, told us, “A novel male contraceptive method is still 10-20 years away. Male Contraceptive Initiative is working closely to support researchers working on scientifically rigorous, promising compounds and devices. MCI’s new website connects these researchers together to ignite research with new funding opportunities and resources to move the field forward quickly and safely.”

MCI has secured additional funding in 2018 through an anonymous donor to fuel the development of early stage male contraceptives, after providing funding to five research teams and a graduate fellowship at U.S. based startups and global academic institutions in 2017 and early 2018.

About Male Contraceptive Initiative (MCI): MCI’s mission is to facilitate research & development of male contraceptives for use by people around the world, and to build awareness about the demand for and status of new male contraception options.

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