1. Potential 'lost' IUD
   First exclude pregnancy

2. Exploration of the cervical canal
   with narrow artery forceps

3. Consider ultrasonography
   Otherwise proceed

4. Uterine sounding and/or gentle
   exploration of uterine cavity with
   retriever or dedicated blunt hooks or
   crocodile retrieving forceps (offer
   analgesia/local anaesthesia)

IUD not found / threads missing

   Ultrasonography

   No IUD seen in cavity

   Radiograph + uterine marker to
   localize IUD in pelvis or abdominial cavity (see text)

   Laparoscopy to remove device –
   laparotomy may rarely be needed

Threads located: no further action – or remove and replace
if suspected malposition

If the scan establishes IUD in uterus

Threads retrieved – replace device

Confirms IUD in uterine cavity
– if well located and client
agrees, option to leave it in situ.
If it needs removal, return to
stage 4 or consider
hysteroscopic removal