Are male contraceptives on the horizon?

Male contraceptives, for the most part, are tricky. Because just one sperm is enough to result in pregnancy, contraceptives for men must be 100% effective. Now, however, scientists have come up with a new approach to male contraceptives that has shown promising results in mice testing.

According to a new article, "most previous attempts at making a male contraceptive have aimed at producing dysfunctional sperm, but the results have been mixed, and often have unpleasant side effects like a reduced sex drive or permanent infertility. These outcomes, for most men, are unacceptable. So this time researchers have taken a different approach. Instead of interfering with sperm production, they decided to block sperm transportation."

Read the full, original story here: New Approach to Male Contraceptive Shows Promise in Mice

Additional Resources:

- "Gene find suggests hormone-free male birth control possible within 5 years," U.S. News & World Report
- "Seeds without sex some racy findings on the cloning of plants," Biofortified