Evelyn Lorraine Rothman (1932–2007)

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Abstract
Evelyn Lorraine Rothman advocated for women's reproductive rights and invented at-home kits for women's health concerns in the late twentieth century in Los Angeles, California. Rothman provided women in the Los Angeles area with the means to perform self-examinations, pregnancy tests, and abortions on their own without assistance from a medical professional. Along with Carol Downer, Rothman cofounded the Federation of Feminist Health Centers in Los Angeles, California, and spent her career educating women on reproductive health. She also invented the Del-Em Kit, a menstrual extraction device that allowed women to perform very early abortions on their own and at home. Rothman's activism educated women on female anatomy, provided an at-home option for early abortion before abortion became legal, and promoted women's reproductive rights in the 1970s.

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Lorraine Rothman, a leader of the feminist health movement in the 1970s who suggested that women could undergo or perform gynecological procedures without medical supervision, most controversially ending very early pregnancies with menstrual extraction, died Sept. 25 at her home in Fullerton, Calif. She was 75. The cause was bladder cancer, her family said. Evelyn Lorraine Fleishman was born in San Francisco. She earned her undergraduate degree from California State University, Los Angeles. In 1988, she received a master’s degree in health administration from Chapman University.