# Lubrication

is right for you

It is VERY common to have vaginal dryness. The 3 main causes of vaginal dryness are (1) older age (2) lower amounts of estrogen in your body (i.e. menopause, breastfeeding) (3) some types of cancer treatments (chemo, radiation to the pelvis or vagina, or surgery to the vagina or reproductive organs). Review the comparison below to understand the key differences:

### Water-Based vs Oil-Based vs Silicone-Based

### **Pros/Cons:**

### Pros:

- Safe to use inside the body
- Safe for use with condoms and toys
- Many choices and easy to find

#### Cons:

Can become sticky

## Example:

- Astroglide
- Ah! Yes WB
- Good Clean Love Almost Naked & BioNude
- Liquid Silk
- Slippery Stuff

NOTE: If you get yeast infections often, use a lubricant that is glycerine-free.

### Oil-Based

Water-

Based

#### Pros:

- Longer lasting slipper feel, non-sticky
- Great for full-body and sexual massage

### Cons:

- CANNOT use with latex condoms or sex toys
- Ah! Yes OB
- Vitamin E oil
- · Natural coconut oil
- Natural almond oil

### Silicone-Based

### Pros:

- Safe to use inside the body
- Safe to use with condoms
- Will not dry up or get sticky

- Uberlube
- Oasis Silk
- Femani Smooth Touch
- Wet Platinum

#### Cons:

- Needs soap and water to wash off the body
- CANNOT use with silicone sex toys or dilators

How to apply...

For intercourse, apply lubricant to whatever will be inserted (finger, penis, toy, etc) **AND** to you (inside vagina, inner lips of vagina, clitoris, etc).

- Start with a **small amount** (quarter-sized for water-based and dime-sized for oil or silicone-based).
- You may need to apply more if it dries up or becomes sticky.
- Experiment with different brands until you find what works best for YOU