




Ethinylestradiol + levonorgestrel

Essential medicine status 

Section: 22. Medicines for reproductive health and perinatal care > 22.1. Contraceptives > 22.1.1. Oral hormonal contraceptives

ATC codes: **G03AA07**

Indication	Contact with health services for contraceptive management	ICD11 code: QA21
INN	Ethinylestradiol + levonorgestrel	
Medicine type	Chemical agent	
List type	Core	
Formulations	Oral > Solid: 30 µg + 150 µg	
EML status history	First added in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 1991 (TRS 825) Changed in 1997 (TRS 882) Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)	
Sex	Female	
Age	Adolescents and adults	
Therapeutic alternatives	Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used	
Therapeutic alternatives limitations	Therapeutic alternatives to be reviewed (2023)	
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents . 	
Wikipedia	Ethinylestradiol + levonorgestrel 	
DrugBank	Ethinylestradiol (Ethinyl Estradiol)  , Levonorgestrel 	

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended the therapeutic alternatives for combined oral contraceptives be reviewed.

