

# 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

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

