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Essential medicine status

Section:

[22. Medicines for reproductive health and perinatal care](#) [22.1. Contraceptives](#) [22.1.1. Oral hormonal contraceptives](#)

ATC codes: [G03AA05](#)

Indication

Contact with health services for contraceptive management ICD11 code: [OA21](#)

INN

Ethinylestradiol + norethisterone

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Solid: 35 µg + 1 mg

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#))

Changed in 1979 ([TRS 641](#))

Changed in 1991 ([TRS 825](#))

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

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DrugBank

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[Norethisterone](#)

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.