Norethisterone

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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ATC codes: G03AC01

Indication	Contact with health services for contraceptive management ICD11 code: QA21
INN	Norethisterone
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Complementary
Formulations	**Oral > Solid:** 350 µg
EML status history	First added in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 1982 (TRS 685) Removed in 1995 (TRS 867)
Sex	Female
Age	Adolescents and adults
Therapeutic alternatives	Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Norethisterone
DrugBank	Norethisterone

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Levonorgestrel replaced norethisterone as the representative progesterone-only oral contraceptive as it is considered safer in breast-feeding mothers.

