POSTPIL®

Questions and answers



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MISOMIFE-FEM® COMBO

Combi pack of 1 mifepristone 200mg tablet and 4 misoprostol 200mcg tablet



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HEALTH

WHO CAN USE POSTPIL®?

Postpil® can be used by women of all reproductive ages including adolescents, if you are breastfeeding, or if you have history of ectopic pregnancy.

IS POSTPIL® EFFECTIVE?

Yes. Postpil® reduces risk of pregnancy by 80%-90% if taken as recommanded.

IS POSTPIL® SAFE?

Yes. Extensive medical research and many years of monitoring have shown that emergency contraceptives such as Postpil® are safe.

However, it is recommended that you use a regular contraceptive method as it is the "most effective" way to prevent pregnancy. You should consult a healthcare professional for advice on choosing a regular method most suitable to your needs.

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS?

Like all drugs, Postpil® may have side effects. You may have menstrual changes such as shorter/longer cycles and have a heavier/lighter period than normal and other side effects mentioned in the leaflet should be anticipated.

Some women may experience spotting a few days after taking the Postpil®, but this is not your period and menstrual bleeding may occur earlier or later than expected. If your menses are delayed beyond one week of expected date, pregnancy may be a possibility.

Verification using a pregnancy test is advisable.

ARE THERE CONTRA-INDICATIONS?

Postpil® is contra-indicated for use in the case of known or suspected pregnancy or if you are hypersensitive to levonorgestrel.

CAN I USE POSTPIL® TO TERMINATE AN EXISTING PREGNANCY?

No. Postpil® is NOT effective at terminating an existing pregnancy, as it is NOT an abortion tablet.



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Levoplant™

2-rod hormonal implant



MIFEPRISTONE

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IS POSTPIL® ONLY EFFECTIVE FOR UNPROTECTED SEX PRIOR TO TAKING THE PILLS?

You should take Postpil® as soon as possible up to 3 days (72 hours) after unprotected intercourse for best results. Postpil® is more effective the sooner it is taken after unprotected sex. If you have unprotected sex again 24 hours after taking the Postpil®, you may be at risk of pregnancy, because active sperm could be waiting in the fallopian tubes when the egg is eventually released.

Therefore, always use another form of contraception (condom/pills) after you have taken Postpil[®].

WHAT IS THE DOSAGE INDICATION?

Even if multiple acts of unprotected sex occur in a day, Postpil® should not be taken more than once within 24 hours (except when vomiting within 2 hours of taking the tablets). Subsequently, it is recommended you begin a regular short or long term method of contraception the day after taking Postpil®.

DOES POSTPIL® PROTECT AGAINST SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS?

No. Postpil® does NOT protect against HIV infections or other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). If you think you have been exposed to any, please contact your family planning for more information.

DOES POSTPIL® INCREASE MY RISK OF ECTOPIC PREGNANCY, CANCER OR CAUSE LONG TERM SIDE EFFECTS?

No. There are no health risks associated with uses of Postpil®. Using emergency contraception won't affect your fertility and won't stop you from getting pregnant in the future.

There is no evidence to suggest that emergency contraceptives increase your risk of having an ectopic pregnancy. As emergency contraceptive pills drastically reduce your risk of pregnancy, it also reduces your risk of having an ectopic pregnancy.

