POSTPIL®

Emergency Contraceptive Pill

POSTPIL®
levonorgestrel 1.5 mg
box of 1 tablet

POSTPIL® is a ONE-DOSE emergency contraceptive pill that gives women a last chance to prevent pregnancy. Postpil® offers women an affordable, simple and safe solution if taken within 72 hours after unprotected sexual intercourse.

CHARACTERISTICS

- 1 tablet of 1.5mg levonorgestrel
- Most effective when taken as soon as possible after unprotected sex, and can be used up to 72 hours (3 days) afterwards
- WHO Prequalified Emergency Contraception Pill
- 3 years shelf life.

EFFICACY

- Postpil® pregnancy rate is less than 1.2% to 2.1%. The pill is more effective the sooner it is taken after unprotected sex.*

MECHANISM OF ACTION

- Preventing or delaying release of the egg (ovulation).
- Postpil® does not induce abortion or affect an existing pregnancy.

BENEFITS

- Postpil® is safe. It does not affect fertility, there is no risk of cancer or ectopic pregnancy, and no long-term side effects.
- Postpil® is easy to access. This Emergency Contraception Pill is available at pharmacies and drugstores, no prescription required (where regulations permit).
- Postpil® is suitable for all women of all ages, including breastfeeding mothers

METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

- Women should take one tablet of Postpil® orally as soon as possible (and no later than 72 hours) in the case of unprotected sexual intercourse, suspected or confirmed method failure, or sexual assault.
- If the user vomits within two hours of taking the tablet, the dose should be repeated.
- Postpil® can be used at any time during the menstrual cycle.

SIDE EFFECTS

Uncommon but can include nausea and vomiting, irregular vaginal bleeding and fatigue.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Postpil® should not be used if there is a known or suspected pregnancy or in cases of hypersensitivity to levonorgestrel.

* World Health Organization. (2021). Emergency contraception Fact sheet. https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/emergency-contraception

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