

## Levonorgestrel Tablet, 1.5 mg

### Emergency Contraceptive

#### What is levonorgestrel tablet?

Levonorgestrel tablet is emergency contraception that helps prevent pregnancy after birth control failure or unprotected sex. It is a **backup** method of preventing pregnancy and should not be used as regular birth control.

#### What levonorgestrel tablet is not.

Levonorgestrel tablet will not work if you are already pregnant and will not affect an existing pregnancy. Levonorgestrel tablet will not protect you from HIV infection (the virus that causes AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

#### When should I use levonorgestrel tablet?

The sooner you take emergency contraception, the better it works. You should use levonorgestrel tablet within 72 hours (3 days) **after you have had unprotected sex.**

Levonorgestrel tablet is a backup or emergency method of birth control you can use when:

- your regular birth control was used incorrectly or failed
- you did not use any birth control method

#### When not to use levonorgestrel tablet?

Levonorgestrel tablet should not be used:

- as a regular birth control method, because it's not as effective as regular birth control.
- if you are already pregnant, because it will not work.
- if you are allergic to levonorgestrel or any other ingredients in levonorgestrel tablet.

#### When should I talk to a doctor or pharmacist?

Ask a doctor or pharmacist before use if you are taking efavirenz (HIV medication) or rifampin (tuberculosis treatment) or medication for seizures (epilepsy).

These medications may reduce the effectiveness of levonorgestrel tablet and increase your chance of becoming pregnant. Your doctor may prescribe another form of emergency contraception that may not be affected by these medications.

#### How does levonorgestrel tablet work?

Levonorgestrel tablet is one tablet with levonorgestrel, a hormone that has been used in many birth control pills for several decades. Levonorgestrel tablet contains a higher dose of levonorgestrel than birth control pills, but works in a similar way to prevent pregnancy. It works mainly by stopping the release of an egg from the ovary. It is possible that levonorgestrel tablet may also work by preventing fertilization of an egg (the uniting of sperm with the egg) or by preventing attachment (implantation) to the uterus (womb).

#### How can I get the best results from levonorgestrel tablet?

You have 72 hours (3 days) to try to prevent pregnancy after birth control failure or unprotected sex. **The sooner you take levonorgestrel tablet, the better it works.**

#### How effective is levonorgestrel tablet?

If levonorgestrel tablet is taken as directed, it can significantly decrease the chance that you will get pregnant. About 7 out of every 8 women who would have gotten pregnant will not become pregnant.

#### How will I know levonorgestrel tablet worked?

You will know levonorgestrel tablet has been effective when you get your next period, which should come at the expected time, or within a week of the expected time. If your period is delayed beyond 1 week, it is possible you may be pregnant. You should get a pregnancy test and follow up with your healthcare professional.

#### Will I experience any side effects?

- some women may have changes in their period, such as a period that is heavier or lighter or a period that is early or late. **If your period is more than a week late, you may be pregnant.**
- if you have severe abdominal pain, you may have an ectopic pregnancy, and should get immediate medical attention.
- when used as directed, levonorgestrel tablet is safe and effective. Side effects may include changes in your period, nausea, lower stomach (abdominal) pain, tiredness, headache, dizziness, and breast tenderness.
- if you vomit within 2 hours of taking the medication, call a healthcare professional to find out if you should repeat the dose.

#### What if I still have questions about levonorgestrel tablet?

If you have questions or need more information, call our toll-free number, 1-800-818-4555.

#### Other Information

##### Keep out of reach of children:

In case of overdose, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away at 1-800-222-1222.

##### Do not use if the blister seal is opened.

Store at room temperature 20° to 25° C (68° to 77° F).

**Active ingredient:** levonorgestrel 1.5 mg

**Inactive ingredients:** colloidal silicon dioxide, hypromellose, magnesium stearate, talc, corn starch, lactose monohydrate

**If you are sexually active, you should see a healthcare provider for routine checkups. Your healthcare provider will talk to you about and, if necessary, test you for sexually transmitted diseases, teach you about effective methods of routine birth control, and answer any other questions you may have.**

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