

fluid retention or adverse effect on renal function or serum-lipids. In these reports, intramuscular doses of nandrolone decanoate have ranged from 100 mg once every 2 weeks<sup>4</sup> up to 600 mg weekly,<sup>2</sup> and treatment has generally been given for 12 to 24 weeks.

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#### Preparations

**BP 2008:** Nandrolone Decanoate Injection; Nandrolone Phenylpropionate Injection;  
**USP 31:** Nandrolone Decanoate Injection; Nandrolone Phenpropionate Injection.

#### Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

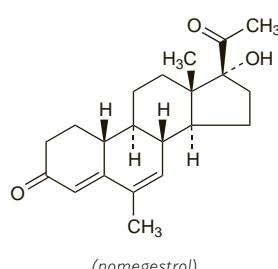
**Arg.:** Deca-Durabolin; Keratyl†; **Austria:** Deca-Durabolin; **Belg.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Braz.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Canad.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Chile:** Anaprolina; Deca-Durabolin; Nandrosande; **Cz.:** Deca-Durabolin†; Keratyl†; Superanabolon; **Fin.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Fr.:** Keratyl†; **Ger.:** Deca-Durabolin; Keratyl†; **Gr.:** Anaboline Depot; Deca-Durabolin; Extraboline; Nurezan†; **Hong Kong:** Deca-Durabolin; **Hung.:** Retabol; **India:** Deca-Durabolin; Decaneurabol†; Durabolin; Metabol; Metadec; Neurobol; **Indon.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Ital.:** Deca-Durabolin; Dynabol†; **Malaysia:** Deca-Durabolin; **Mex.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Neth.:** Deca-Durabolin; Durabolin; **Norw.:** Deca-Durabolin; **NZ.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Pol.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Port.:** Deca-Durabolin; Nandain†; **Rus.:** Retabol (Ретабол); **S.Afr.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Singapore:** Deca-Durabolin; **Spain:** Deca-Durabolin; **Swed.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Switz.:** Deca-Durabolin; Keratyl; **Thail.:** Deca-Durabolin; Keratyl; **UK:** Deca-Durabolin; **USA:** Androlone-D; Deca-Durabolin; Durabolin; Hybolin; Neo-Durabolin; **Venez.:** Deca-Durabolin.

**Multi-ingredient:** **Arg.:** Dexatopic†; **Indon.:** Dexatopic; **Neth.:** Dexatopic†.

#### Nomegestrol Acetate (BANM, rINN)

Acetato de nomegestrol; Nomegestrol acetát; Nomégestrol, acetát de; Nomegestrol Asetat; Nomegestrolacetat; Nomegestrol acetas; Nomegestrolasetaatti; Nomegestrolio acetas; Nomegesztrol-acetát. 17-Hydroxy-6-methyl-19-norpregna-4,6-diene-3,20-dione acetate.

Homerectrolo Aacetat  
 $C_{23}H_{30}O_4 = 370.5$ .  
 CAS — 58691-88-6 (nomegestrol); 58652-20-3 (nomegestrol acetate).  
 ATC — G03DB04.  
 ATC Vet — QG03DB04.



**Pharmacopoeias.** In *Eur.* (see p.vii).

**Ph. Eur. 6.2** (Nomegestrol Acetate). A white or almost white crystalline powder. Practically insoluble in water; soluble in alcohol; freely soluble in acetone. Protect from light.

#### Profile

Nomegestrol acetate is a progestogen structurally related to progesterone (p.2125) that has been used in the treatment of menstrual disorders and as the progestogen component of menopausal HRT (p.2071). Typical oral doses are 5 mg daily for 10 to 14 days of a 28-day cycle. A subdermal implant is under investigation as a long-acting progestogen-only contraceptive.

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#### Preparations

##### Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

**Arg.:** Lutetyl; **Belg.:** Lutetyl; **Braz.:** Lutetyl; **Chile:** Lutetyl; **Cz.:** Lutetyl; **Hong Kong:** Lutetyl; **Indon.:** Lutetyl; **Ital.:** Lutetyl; **Mex.:** Lutetyl; **Mon.:** Lutetyl; **Pol.:** Lutetyl; **Port.:** Lutetyl; **Turk.:** Lutetyl; **Venez.:** Lutetyl.

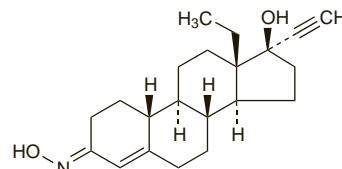
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#### Norelgestromin (BAN, USAN, rINN)

17-Deacylorgestimate; Norelgestromin; Norelgestromina; Norelgestromine; Norelgestrominum; RWJ-10553. 13-Ethyl-17-hydroxy-18,19-dinor-17α-pregn-4-en-20-yn-3-one oxime.

Норэльгестромин

$C_{21}H_{29}NO_2 = 327.5$ .  
 CAS — 53016-31-2.



#### Profile

Norelgestromin is a progestogen (see Progesterone, p.2125); it is the primary active metabolite of norgestimate (p.2121). Norelgestromin is used as the progestogenic component of a combined contraceptive transdermal patch. A dose of 150 micrograms of norelgestromin is released daily with ethynodiol diol. A new patch is applied each week for 3 weeks of a 4-week cycle. Norelgestromin exposure from such a patch may be greater than that resulting from a comparable oral contraceptive.

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#### Preparations

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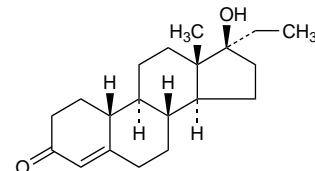
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The symbol † denotes a preparation no longer actively marketed

**Mex.:** Evra; **Neth.:** Evra; **Norw.:** Evra; **Philipp.:** Evra; **Pol.:** Evra; **Port.:** Evra; **Rus.:** Evra (Epa); **S.Afr.:** Evra; **Singapore:** Evra; **Spain:** Evra; **Swed.:** Evra; **Switz.:** Evra; **Thail.:** Evra; **UK:** Evra; **USA:** Ortho Evra; **Venez.:** Evra.

**Norethandrolone** (BAN, rINN) ⊗

17α-Ethyl-17β-hydroxyestr-4-en-3-one; 17β-Hydroxy-19-nor-17α-pregn-4-en-3-one; Norethandrolona; Noréthandrolone; Норэтандролон  
 $C_{20}H_{30}O_2 = 302.5$ .  
 CAS — 52-78-8.  
 ATC — A14AA09.  
 ATC Vet — QA14AA09.



#### Adverse Effects and Precautions

As for androgens and anabolic steroids in general (see Testosterone, p.2130). As with other 17α-alkylated compounds, norethandrolone may produce hepatotoxicity and liver function should be monitored. It should probably be avoided in patients with impaired liver function, and certainly if this is severe.

#### Uses and Administration

Norethandrolone is an anabolic steroid with some androgenic properties (see Testosterone, p.2131). It is given in the treatment of aplastic anaemia in an oral dose of 0.25 to 2 mg/kg daily.

#### Preparations

##### Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

**Fr.:** Nillevac.

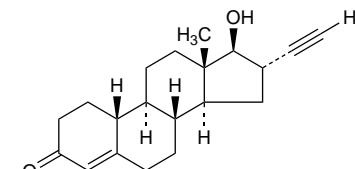
#### Norethisterone (BAN, pINN)

Ethylnortestosterone; Etilin hidroxiestrona; Etilinortestosterona; Norethindrone; Norethisteron; Noréthistérone; Norethisteronum; Noretindrona; Noretisteron; Noretisterona; Noretisteronas; Noretisterone; Noretisteroni; Noretisteronas; Noretisteron; Noretisteronolona; Norpregnénolona; Norpregnénolone; NSC-9564. 17β-Hydroxy-19-nor-17α-pregn-4-en-20-yn-3-one.

Норэтистерон  
 $C_{20}H_{26}O_2 = 298.4$ .  
 CAS — 68-22-4.

ATC — G03AC01; G03DC02.

ATC Vet — QG03AC01; QG03DC02.



**Pharmacopoeias.** In *Chin., Eur.* (see p.vii), *Int., Jpn.*, and *US.*  
**Ph. Eur. 6.2** (Norethisterone). A white or yellowish-white crystalline powder. Practically insoluble in water; sparingly soluble in dehydrated alcohol and in acetone; soluble in dichloromethane.

**USP 31** (Norethindrone). A white to creamy-white odourless crystalline powder. Practically insoluble in water; sparingly soluble in alcohol; soluble in chloroform and in dioxan; slightly soluble in ether.

#### Norethisterone Acetate (BANM, pINN)

Acetato de noretisterona; Norethindrone Acetate; Norethisteron-acetát; Noréthistérone, acétate de; Norethisteron acetas; Noretisterona acetatas; Noretisteron-acétát. 3-Oxo-19-nor-17α-pregn-4-en-20-yn-17β-yl acetate. Норэтистерона Ацетат  
 $C_{22}H_{28}O_3 = 340.5$ .  
 CAS — 51-98-9.

ATC — G03AC01; G03DC02.

ATC Vet — QG03AC01; QG03DC02.

**Pharmacopoeias.** In *Eur.* (see p.vii), *Int.*, and *US.*

**Ph. Eur. 6.2** (Norethisterone Acetate). A white or yellowish-white crystalline powder. It exhibits polymorphism. Practically insoluble in water; soluble in alcohol; freely soluble in dichloromethane.

The symbol ⊗ denotes a substance whose use may be restricted in certain sports (see p.vii)

romethane. Protect from light.

**USP 31** (Norethindrone Acetate). A white to creamy-white odourless crystalline powder. Practically insoluble in water; soluble 1 in 10 of alcohol, 1 in less than 1 of chloroform, 1 in 2 of dioxan, and 1 in 18 of ether.

### Norethisterone Enantate (BANM, pINN)

Enantato de noretisterona; Norestisteron Enantat; Norethindrone Enanthate; Noréthistérone, Enantate de; Norethisterone Enanthate; Norethisterone Heptanoate; Norethisteroni Enantas; 17 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-19-nor-17 $\alpha$ -pregn-4-en-20-yn-3-one heptanoate. Норэтистерона Энантат

$C_{27}H_{38}O_3 = 410.6$ .

CAS — 3836-23-5.

ATC — G03AC01; G03DC02.

ATC Vet — QG03AC01; QG03DC02.

**Pharmacopoeias.** In *Int.*

### Adverse Effects and Precautions

As for progestogens in general (see Progesterone, p.2125). See also under Hormonal Contraceptives, p.2059.

**Effects on the liver.** There were 6 cases of jaundice among 107 patients with breast cancer treated with high-dose norethisterone acetate;<sup>1</sup> the jaundice was reversible and of an obstructive type. A retrospective analysis<sup>2</sup> found that the use of norethisterone to prevent menstrual haemorrhage during the thrombocytopenic phase of allogeneic bone marrow transplantation was a significant risk factor for hepatic veno-occlusive disease.

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**Porphyria.** Norethisterone has been associated with acute attacks of porphyria and is considered unsafe in porphyric patients.

**Pregnancy.** Abnormalities seen in the offspring of women given norethisterone during pregnancy (either alone or with ethinylestradiol) included: hypospadias,<sup>1</sup> masculinisation of female infants,<sup>2</sup> meningocele or hydrocephalus,<sup>3</sup> and neonatal chorioamnionitis associated with oral contraceptive use.<sup>4</sup> For reference to the fact that oral contraceptives have not generally been associated with teratogenicity, even when used inadvertently in pregnancy, see p.2067.

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2. Wilkins L. Masculinization of female fetus due to use of orally given progestins. *JAMA* 1960; **172**: 1028-32.

3. Gal I, et al. Hormonal pregnancy tests and congenital malformation. *Nature* 1967; **216**: 83.

4. Profumo R, et al. Neonatal chorioamnionitis following prenatal exposure to oral contraceptives. *Pediatrics* 1990; **86**: 648-9.

**Venous thromboembolism.** For mention that combined oral contraceptives containing older progestogens such as norethisterone appear to be associated with a lower incidence of venous thromboembolism than desogestrel- or gestodene-containing preparations, see p.2063.

### Interactions

As for progestogens in general (see Progesterone, p.2126). See also under Hormonal Contraceptives, p.2067.

### Pharmacokinetics

Norethisterone is absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract, undergoing first-pass hepatic metabolism, with peak plasma concentrations occurring 1 to 2 hours after an oral dose. It exhibits biphasic pharmacokinetics; an initial distribution phase is followed by a prolonged elimination phase with a half-life of about 8 hours or more. Norethisterone is highly protein bound; about 60% to albumin and 35% to sex hormone binding globulin. Use with an oestrogen increases the proportion bound to sex hormone binding globulin. It is metabolised in the liver with 50 to 80% of a dose being excreted in the urine and up to 40% appearing in the faeces.

Norethisterone acetate is rapidly hydrolysed to norethisterone, principally by intestinal tissue.

After intramuscular injection of norethisterone enantate peak concentrations of norethisterone in plasma are not attained for several days.

### Uses and Administration

Norethisterone and its acetate and enantate esters are progestogens (see Progesterone, p.2126) derived from

nortestosterone that have weak oestrogenic and androgenic properties. They are commonly used as **hormonal contraceptives** (see p.2069). Norethisterone and norethisterone acetate are both given orally. Typical daily doses are 350 micrograms for norethisterone and 600 micrograms for norethisterone acetate when used alone, or 0.5 to 1 mg for norethisterone and 1 to 1.5 mg for norethisterone acetate when used with an oestrogen. Norethisterone enantate is given by intramuscular injection; a dose of 200 mg provides contraception for 8 weeks. An intramuscular injection containing norethisterone enantate 50 mg with estradiol valerate 5 mg is given once each month.

Norethisterone and norethisterone acetate are used as the progestogen component of **menopausal HRT** (see p.2076). Typical regimens have included either continuous daily doses of norethisterone 700 micrograms or norethisterone acetate 0.5 to 1 mg, or cyclical regimens of norethisterone or norethisterone acetate 1 mg daily for 10 to 12 days of a 28-day cycle. Norethisterone acetate is also available as transdermal patches supplying 140, 170, or 250 micrograms in 24 hours, that are applied twice weekly for 2 weeks of a 4-week cycle; the lower strengths may also be applied twice weekly on a continuous basis.

Norethisterone and norethisterone acetate may be given orally, usually in divided doses, for the treatment of conditions such as **menorrhagia** (below) and **endometriosis** (p.2091). In menorrhagia (dysfunctional uterine bleeding), norethisterone is given in usual doses of 10 to 15 mg daily and norethisterone acetate in doses of 2.5 to 10 mg daily, in a cyclical regimen. In endometriosis the dosage of norethisterone is 10 to 25 mg daily and of norethisterone acetate 5 to 15 mg daily. Treatment of endometriosis is usually continuous for 4 to 9 months.

Norethisterone has been used in daily doses of up to 15 mg orally in a cyclical regimen in the treatment of **premenstrual syndrome** (p.2099).

In **breast cancer** (p.661) oral doses of up to 60 mg daily of norethisterone have been used.

**Administration in children.** Although unlicensed in the UK for use in children, the *BNFC* does include norethisterone for the management of delayed puberty (p.2079) in girls. It is added after 12 to 24 months of oestrogen therapy to establish a menstrual cycle and maintain sexual maturation, in an oral dose of 5 mg once daily for the last 7 days of a 28-day cycle.

**Menorrhagia.** Although cyclical norethisterone has been widely used for menorrhagia (p.2126), it is of limited efficacy during ovulatory cycles<sup>1</sup> being most effective for anovulatory bleeding, which occurs in a minority of women with menorrhagia.

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### Preparations

**BP 2008:** Estradiol and Norethisterone Acetate Tablets; Estradiol and Norethisterone Tablets; Norethisterone Tablets;

**USP 31:** Estradiol and Norethindrone Acetate Tablets; Norethindrone Acetate and Ethynodiol Diacetate Tablets; Norethindrone Acetate Tablets; Norethindrone and Ethynodiol Tablets; Norethindrone and Mestranol Tablets; Norethindrone Tablets.

**Proprietary Preparations** (details are given in Part 3)

**Arg:** Ginediol; Primolut-Nor; Selectan; **Austral:** Loclan; Micronor; Noriday; Primolut-N; **Austria:** Ducklidan; Micronovum; Primolut-Nor; **Belg:** Primolut-Nor; **Braz:** Micronor; Norestin; Primolut-Nor; **Canad:** Micro-N; Norlutate; **Chile:** Primolut-Nor; **Cz.:** Primolut-Nor; **Denn:** Mini-Pe; **Fin:** Mini-Pill; Primolut-N; **Fr.:** Milligyn; Primolut-Nor; **Ger:** Gestakadin; Noristerat; Primolut-Nor; Sovelt; **Gr.:** Fortilut; Primolut-N; **Hong Kong:** Norcolut; Primolut-N; **Hung.:** Norcolut; **India:** Cydroleg; Noristerat; Primolut-N; Stypit; **Indon:** Anore; Norelit; Primolut-N; Regumen; **Ir.:** Noriday; Primolut-N; **Israel:** Primolut-N; **Ital:** Primolut-Nor; **Malaysia:** Depocor; Norcolut; Noriday; Noristerat; Primolut-N; Sunolut; Trisequens; **Mex.:** Noristerat; Primolut-Nor; **Neth.:** Primolut-N; **Norw.:** Conladag; Primolut-N; **NZ.:** Noriday; Primolut-N; **Philipp.:** Noristerat; Primolut-N; **Pol.:** Primolut-Nor; **Port.:** Primolut-Nor; **Rus.:** Primolut-Nor (Приломут-нор); **S.Afr.:** Micronovum; Nur-Isterate; Primolut-N; **Singapore:** Norcolut; Noristerat; Primolut-N; **Spain:** Primolut-N; **Swed.:** Mini-Pe; Primolut-Nor; **Switz.:** Micronovum; Primolut-N; **Thail.:** Noristerat; Primolut-N; Steron; **Turk.:** Primolut-N; **UK:** Micronor; Micronor HRT†; Noriday; Noristerat; Primolut-N; Utovan; **USA:** Aygestin; Jolivette; Nor-QD; Ortho Micronor.

**Multi-ingredient Arg:** Active; Estalis; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; Estragest; Evorel Conti; Evorel Sequi; Kliogest; Mesigna; Trial Combi; Trial Gest; Trial Pack†; Trisequens; **Austral:** Brevisor; Estalis Continuous; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; **Austria:** Brevisor; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; Fem-HRT; Kliogest; Kliofem; Micronor; Norimyl-1; Synphasic; **Gr.:** Active; Estalis; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; Fem-HRT; Kliogest; Mericomb; Merigest; Novofem; Ovysmen; Periklimen; Primisotom; Trinovum; Trisequens; **Belg.:** Active; Estalis; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; Estral-C†; Estracomb†; Estragest†; Kliane; Kliogest; Menophase†; Non-Ovlon; Novofem; Pausogest; Sequidot; Systen Conti; Systen Sequi; Triaklim†; Trinovum; Trisequens; **Denn.:** Active; Econ†; Estracomb; Evo-Conti; Eve-Sequi; Femanor; Femeskavens; Kliogest; Novofem; Ostro-Primolut†; Ovysmen; Primisotom†; Prostisotom†; Sequostat†; Sinovul†; Synphasic; Trinovum; Trisequens; **Fin.:** Active; Estalis Sequi; Kliogest; Mericomb; Novafem; Trisekvens; **Fra.:** Active; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; TT5; Kliogest; Systen Conti; Systen Sequi; Trisequens; **Hong Kong:** Active; Brevisor; Estracomb; Kliogest; Norimyl-1; Novofem; Synphasic†; Trinovum†; Trisequens; **Hung.:** Active; Estracomb; Estragest; Kliogest; Pausogest; Triaklim; Trisequens; Tultat; **Ir.:** Active; Brevisor; Estalis; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; Estrakraft†; Evorel Conti; Kliogest; Novofem; Trisequens; **Israel:** Active; Evorel Conti; Evorel Sequi; Kliogest; Meno-Net†; Novofem; Trisequens; **Ital.:** Active; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; Kliogest; Novofem; Trisequens; **Port.:** Active; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; Kliogest; Novofem; Trisequens; **Rus.:** Non-Ovon (Нон-овлон); Pausogest (Паусогест); Triaklim (Триаклим); Trisequens (Трисквенс); **S.Afr.:** Active; Brevisor; Estracomb; Estrakraft; Estro-Pause N; Evorel Conti; Evorel Sequi; Kliogest; Norimyl-1/28; Novofem; Trinovum; Trisequens; **Singapore:** Active; Estracomb; Kliogest; Novofem; Trisequens; **UK:** Binovum; Brevisor; Climates; Clinrette; Clinrette; Eleste-Duet; Eleste-Duet; Estracomb; Estrakraft; Evorel Conti; Evorel Pakt†; Evorel Sequi; Fem Tab Continuous†; Kliofem; Kliovance; Loestren; Norimyl; Norimyl-1; Novofem; Nuvela Continuous; Ovysmen; Synphasic; Trinovum; Trisequens; **USA:** Active; Aranelle; Balziva; Brevicon; CombiPatch; Estrope Fe; Estropet†; Femcon Fe; FemHRT; Junel Fe; Leena; Loestren; Loestren Fe; Modicon; Necon 1/50; Necon 10/11; Necon 0.5/35; 1/35; NEE 1/35; Norimyl 1 + 35; Norimyl 1 + 50; Ortho-Novum 1/35; Ortho-Novum 1/50; Ortho-Novum 10/11; Ortho-Novum 7/77; Ovcon 35; Ovcon 50; Tilia Fe; Tri-Legest; Tri-Noriny; Zenchent; **Venez.:** Ciane; Estracomb†; Estragest; Mesigna; Primisotom†.

Active; Biofarm†; Ciclovulon; Ciane; Estalis SQ; Estracomb†; Estragest; Gineane; Ginedisc 50 Plus†; Kliogest; Megestran†; Mericomb; Merigest; Mesigna; Natfa Pro; Norex; Primisotom; Suprema; System Conti; Systen Sequi; Trinovum†; Trisequens; **Canad.:** Brevicon; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; Fem-HRT; Loestrin 1.5/30; Minestrin; Ortho 0.5/35; Ortho 1/35; Ortho 7/77; Ortho-Novum 1/50†; Select 1/35; Synphasic; **Chile:** Active; Ciane; Enadiol Neta; Estracomb; Estragest; Ginefolin; Kliogest; Mesigna; Primisotom; Trisequens; **Cz.:** Active; Estalis; Estalis Sequi; Estrace Plus†; Estrace-C†; Estracomb†; Estragest†; Kliane; Kliogest; Menophase†; Non-Ovlon; Novofem; Pausogest; Sequidot; Systen Conti; Systen Sequi; Triaklim†; Trinovum; Trisequens; **Denn.:** Active; Econ†; Estracomb; Evo-Conti; Eve-Sequi; Femanor; Femeskavens; Kliogest; Novofem; Ovysmen; Trisekvens; **Fin.:** Active; Estalis; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; TTS; Kliogest; Systen Conti; Systen Sequi; Trisequens; **Ger.:** Active; Clonara; Conceplan M; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb†; Estragest; Eve; Gynamon; Kliogest N; Mericomb; Merigest; Non-Ovlon; Nora-riatopharm†; Novofem; Ostro-Primolut†; Ovysmen; Primisotom†; Prostisotom†; Sequostat†; Sinovul†; Synphasic; Trinovum; Trisequens; **Gr.:** Active; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; TT5; Kliogest; Systen Conti; Systen Sequi; Trisequens; **Hong Kong:** Active; Brevisor; Estracomb; Kliogest; Norimyl-1; Novofem; Synphasic†; Trinovum†; Trisequens; **Hung.:** Active; Estracomb; Estragest; Kliogest; Pausogest; Triaklim; Trisequens; Tultat; **Ir.:** Active; Brevisor; Estalis; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; Estrakraft†; Evorel Conti; Kliogest; Novofem; Trisequens; **Ital.:** Active; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; Kliogest; Novofem; Trisequens; **Port.:** Active; Estalis Sequi; Estracomb; Kliogest; Novofem; Trisequens; **Rus.:** Non-Ovon (Нон-овлон); Pausogest (Паусогест); Triaklim (Триаклим); Trisequens (Трисквенс); **S.Afr.:** Active; Brevisor; Estracomb; Estrakraft; Estro-Pause N; Evorel Conti; Evorel Sequi; Kliogest; Norimyl-1/28; Novofem; Nuvela Continuous; Ovysmen; Synphasic; Trinovum; Trisequens; **USA:** Active; Aranelle; Balziva; Brevicon; CombiPatch; Estrope Fe; Estropet†; Femcon Fe; FemHRT; Junel Fe; Leena; Loestren; Loestren Fe; Modicon; Necon 1/50; Necon 10/11; Necon 0.5/35; 1/35; NEE 1/35; Norimyl 1 + 35; Norimyl 1 + 50; Ortho-Novum 1/35; Ortho-Novum 1/50; Ortho-Novum 10/11; Ortho-Novum 7/77; Ovcon 35; Ovcon 50; Tilia Fe; Tri-Legest; Tri-Noriny; Zenchent; **Venez.:** Ciane; Estracomb†; Estragest; Mesigna; Primisotom†.

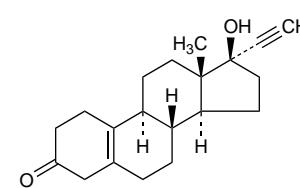
### Noretnodrel (BAN, rINN)

Noretnodrel (USAN); Noretinodrel; Noretynodrel; Norétnodrel; Noretynodrel; NSC-15432; SC-4642. 17 $\beta$ -Hydroxy-19-nor-17 $\alpha$ -pregn-5(10)-en-20-yn-3-one.

Норэтинодрэл

$C_{20}H_{26}O_2 = 298.4$ .

CAS — 68-23-5.



### Pharmacopoeias. In US.

**USP 31** (Noretnodrel). A white or practically white, odourless, crystalline powder. Very slightly soluble in water and in petroleum spirit; sparingly soluble in alcohol; soluble in acetone; freely soluble in chloroform.

### Profile

Noretnodrel is a progestogen (see Progesterone, p.2125) structurally related to norethisterone that has been given orally with an oestrogen such as mestranol for the treatment of various menstrual disorders and endometriosis.

**Breast feeding.** About 1% of an oral dose of radiolabelled noretnodrel was detected in breast milk in a study of 4 women.<sup>1</sup> No adverse effects have been seen in breast-fed infants of mothers given noretnodrel, and the American Academy of Pediatrics considers<sup>2</sup> that it is therefore usually compatible with breast feeding.

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