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Necon 7/7/7 Dosage

Generic name: norethindrone 0.5mg, ethinyl estradiol 0.035mg; norethindrone 0.75mg, ethinyl estradiol 0.035mg; norethindrone 1mg, ethinyl estradiol 0.035mg;

Dosage form: tablets

Drug class: [Contraceptives](#)

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To achieve maximum contraceptive effectiveness, NECON 7/7/7[®] Tablets must be taken exactly as directed and at intervals not exceeding 24 hours. NECON 7/7/7[®] Tablets are available in a blister card with a tablet dispenser which is preset for a Sunday Start. Day 1 Start is also available.

Sunday Start

When taking NECON 7/7/7[®], the first white "active" tablet should be taken on the first Sunday after menstruation begins. If the period begins on Sunday, the first white "active" tablet should be taken that day. Take one active tablet daily for 21 days followed by one green "reminder" tablet daily for 7 days. After 28 tablets have been taken, a new course is started the next day (Sunday). For the first cycle of a Sunday Start regimen, another method of contraception, such as a condom or spermicide, should be used until after the first 7 consecutive days of administration.

If the patient misses one (1) active tablet in Weeks 1, 2, or 3, the tablet should be taken as soon as she remembers. If the patient misses two (2) active tablets in Week 1 or Week 2, the patient should take two (2) tablets the day she remembers and two (2) tablets the next day; and then continue taking one (1) tablet a day until she finishes the pack. The patient should be instructed to use a back-up method of birth control, such as a condom or spermicide, if she has sex in the seven (7) days after missing pills. If the patient misses two (2) active tablets in the third week or misses three (3) or more active tablets in a row, the patient should continue taking one tablet every day until Sunday. On Sunday the patient should throw out the rest of the pack and start a new pack that same day. The patient should be instructed to use a back-up method of birth control if she has sex in the seven (7) days after missing pills.

Complete instructions to facilitate patient counseling on proper pill usage may be found in the Detailed Patient Labeling ("How to Take the Pill" section).

Day 1 Start

The dosage of NECON 7/7/7[®] for the initial cycle of therapy is one active tablet administered daily from the 1st through the 21st day of the menstrual cycle, counting the first day of menstrual flow as "Day 1" followed by one green "reminder" tablet daily for 7 days. Tablets are taken without interruption for 28 days. After 28 tablets have been taken, a new course is started the next day.

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The use of NECON 7/7/7[®] for contraception may be initiated 4 weeks postpartum in women who elect not to breastfeed. When the tablets are administered during the postpartum period, the increased risk of thromboembolic disease associated with the postpartum period must be considered. (See [CONTRAINDICATIONS](#) and [WARNINGS](#) concerning thromboembolic disease. See also [PRECAUTIONS: Nursing Mothers](#).) The possibility of ovulation and conception prior to initiation of medication should be considered.

(See Discussion of [Dose-Related Risk of Vascular Disease from Oral Contraceptives](#).)

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N/A Not a controlled drug



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