



Preferred Drug List

NEW DRUG REVIEW

Proprietary Name: Seasonique™ Extended-Cycle Oral Contraceptive

Common Name: Levonorgestrel/Ethinyl Estradiol Tablets

PDL Category: Contraceptives - Monophasic Combination

<u>Comparable Products</u>	<u>Preferred Drug List/ Recommended Drug List Status</u>
Alesse®	Preferred
Nordette®	Preferred
Seasonale®	Non-Preferred

Summary

Indications and Usage: Prevention of Pregnancy

Dosage Forms: Tablets; ethinyl estradiol/levonorgestrel 0.03/0.15mcg and 0.01/0mcg

Recommended Dosage: 1 tablet by mouth once daily

Common Adverse Drug Reactions: Headache, breast pain, yeast infection, vaginal discharge, diarrhea, nausea

Contraindications: Undiagnosed abnormal genital bleeding, history of breast cancer, history of estrogen-dependent neoplasia, history of or active DVT or pulmonary embolism, active or recent arterial thromboembolic disease, hepatic dysfunction, hypersensitivity to any ingredients of the compound, known or suspected pregnancy, heavy smoking in patients >35 years old.

Manufacturer: Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Analysis: Seasonique™ is an extended-cycle oral contraceptive where the patient takes a tablet containing ethinyl estradiol/levonorgestrel for 84 consecutive days followed by 7 days of only ethinyl estradiol containing tablets. There are no placebo tablets as part of this product. This regimen has been shown to reduce the frequency of withdrawal bleeding periods from monthly to four times per year. Other oral contraceptive products containing ethinyl estradiol and levonorgestrel, appear as preferred products on the Preferred Drug List that are more cost effective. Additionally, the extended-cycle formulation of this product is not appropriate for all women wishing to prevent pregnancy.

IME Recommendation:

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