



Preferred Drug List

NEW DRUG REVIEW

Proprietary Name: Yaz

Common Name: Drospirenone/Ethinyl Estradiol

PDL Category: Contraceptives - Monophasic Combination

<u>Comparable Products</u>	<u>Preferred Drug List/ Recommended Drug List Status</u>
Alesse®	Preferred
Ortho-Cept®	Preferred
Yasmin®	Non-Preferred

Summary

Indications and Usage: Prevention of pregnancy

Dosage Forms: Tablets; 0.02mg of Ethinyl estradiol and 3mg of drospirenone. Pack contains 24 active tablets and 4 placebo tablets

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: Berlex, Inc.

Analysis: Yaz contains the new progestin, drospirenone, which is derived from spironolactone. Drospirenone was first introduced to the market as a component of Yasmin®. Yaz offers less hormonal fluctuation between cycles due to the 24 day regimen of low dose ethinyl estradiol plus progestin and the 30-hour half life of drospirenone. Other preferred oral contraceptive products exist on the PDL, with varying doses of ethinyl estradiol, that are equally effective at preventing pregnancy, and that are more cost effective.

IME Recommendation:

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