

Contraceptive Comparison Chart

Brand Equivalent is for reference **only**. It is not an indication that this product is covered. If a generic is available, only the generic equivalent is covered.

Brand Equivalent	Estrogen/Progesterone	Drug Name	Formulary	Cost	Progestin activity	Estrogen activity	Androgen activity
Micronor	0.35mg norethindrone	Camila, Jolivette, Nora-be	Formulary	<\$15	Low	None-Low	None-Low
Alesse	20mcg EE/0.1mg levonorgestrel	Aviane, Lutera, Orsythia	Formulary	<\$15	Low	Low	Low
Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo	25mcg EE/0.18, 0.215, 0.25mg norgestimate	Tri-Lo-Estarylla*, Trinessa Lo*	Formulary	<\$15	Low	Low	Low
Ortho Tri-Cyclen	35mcg EE/0.18, 0.215, 0.25mg norgestimate	Trinessa*, Tri-Previfem*, Tri-Sprintec*, Tri-Linyah*	Formulary	<\$10	Low	Intermediate	Low
Triphasil, Tri-Levlen	30,40,30mcg EE; 0.05,0.075,0.125mg/levonorgestrel	Enpresse-28*, Trivora-28*	Formulary	<\$20	Low	Intermediate	Low
Ortho-Cyclen	35 mcg EE/0.25mg norgestimate	Mononessa, Previfem, Sprintec, Mono-Linyah	Formulary	~\$10	Low	Intermediate	Low
Ovcon 35	35mcg EE/0.4mg norethindrone	Balziva, Zenchent	Non-Formulary	<\$30	Low	Intermediate/ High	Low
Brevcon, Modicon	35mcg EE/0.5mg norethindrone	Necon, Nortrel, Wera	Formulary	<\$25	Low	High	Low
Trinorinyl	35mcg EE/norethindrone 0.5, 1, 0.5	Aranelle*, Leena*	Formulary	<\$25	Low	High	Low
Lo/Ovral	30mcg EE/0.3mg norgestrel	Cryselle, Low-Ogestrel	Formulary	<\$15	Intermediate	Low	Intermediate
Levlen, Nordette	30mcg EE/0.15mg levonorgestrel	Altavera, Levora-28, Portia	Formulary	<\$20	Intermediate	Low	Intermediate
Seasonale	30mcg EE/0.15mg levonorgestrel	Jolessa**, Quasense**	Formulary	\$20-\$30	Intermediate	Low	Intermediate
Ortho-Novum 1/50	50 mcg mestranol/0.5mg norgestrel	Necon 1-50	Formulary	<\$25	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate
Ortho-Novum 7/7/7	35mcg EE/norethindrone 0.5, 0.75, 1mg	Necon*, Nortrel*, Dasetta*	Formulary	<\$20	Intermediate	High	Intermediate
Ortho-Novum 1/35	35mcg EE/1mg norethindrone	Necon, Nortrel, Dasetta, Alyacen, Cyclofem, Pirmella	Formulary	<\$20	Intermediate	High	Intermediate
Demulen 1/35	35 mcg EE/1mg ethynodiol diacetate	Kelnor 1-35, Zovia 1-35e	Formulary	<\$20	High	Low	Low
Cyclessa	25mcg EE/0.1, 0.125, 0.15mg desogestrel	Caziant*, Velivet*	Formulary	<\$20	High	Low	Low
Mircette	20mcg EE/10mcg EE 0.15mg desogestrel	Azurette, Kariva, Pimtrea, Violele	Formulary	<\$25	High	Low	Low
Estrostep FE	20, 30, 35mcg EE/1mg norethindrone	Tri-Legest Fe*	Non-Formulary	\$30-\$40	High	Low	Intermediate
Loestrin 1/20, Loestrin Fe 1/20	20mcg EE/1mg norethindrone	Junel, Junel Fe, Microgestin, Microgestin Fe	Formulary	<\$20	High	Low	Intermediate
Loestrin 1.5/30, Loestrin Fe 1.5/30	30mcg EE/1.5mg norethindrone	Junel, Junel Fe, Microgestin, Microgestin Fe	Formulary	<\$25	High	Low	High
Demulen 1/50	50 mcg EE/1mg ethynodiol diacetate	Zovia 1-50e	Formulary	<\$25	High	Intermediate	Low
Desogen, Ortho-Cept	30mcg EE/0.15mg desogestrel	Apri, Reclipsen, Enskyce	Formulary	<\$15	High	Intermediate	Low
Ovral	50 mcg EE/0.5mg norgestrel	Ogestrel	Formulary	\$30-\$40	High	High	High
Yasmin	30mcg EE/3mg drospirenone†	Ocella, Zarah	Non-Formulary	\$30-\$40	Activity not quantified	Intermediate	None
Yaz	20mcg EE/3mg drospirenone	Gianvi	Non-Formulary	>\$40		Low	None
	Norelgestromin 0.15 mg/EE 0.02mg/24h	Ortho Evra	Formulary	>\$100			
	Etonogestrel 0.12 mg/EE 0.015mg/24 hr	Nuvaring	Formulary	>\$100			

* Triphasic

*Adapted from Dickey RP, "Managing Contraceptive Pill Patients Millennium Edition"

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** Extended Cycle

†Drospirenone has anti-mineralocorticoid activity which can result in hyperkalemia in susceptible patients.

Preclinical studies indicate that drospirenone has no androgenic, estrogenic, glucocorticoid, antiglucocorticoid, or antiandrogenic activity.