

C O L O R P H O T O S
of Combined and Progestin-Only Oral Contraceptives
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The thirteen color pages of pills are organized as follows:

Color photos of pills from lowest to highest estrogen dose.....A21-A33

- Progestin-only pills with no estrogen: Micronor and NOR-QD
- Lowest estrogen pills with 20 micrograms of the estrogen, ethinyl estradiol: Alesse, Levlite, LoEstrin 1/20, and Mircette
- All of the 25-, 30- and 35-microgram pills (all ethinyl estradiol)
- All of the phasic pills
- Highest estrogen pills, with 50 micrograms of estrogen (ethinyl estradiol OR mestranol). Mestranol is converted in the body to ethinyl estradiol; 50 mcg of mestranol is equivalent to 35 mcg of ethinyl estradiol

**Pills which are pharmacologically exactly the same are grouped within boxes. The color and packaging of pills dispensed in clinics may differ from pills in pharmacies.*



PROGESTIN - ONLY PILLS



MICRONOR® TABLETS
28-DAY REGIMEN
(0.35 mg norethindrone)
(active pills lime green)
Ortho-McNeil



NOR-QD® TABLETS
(0.35 mg norethindrone)
(active pills yellow)
Watson



CAMILA®
(norethindrone tablets, USP 0.35 mg)
(active pills light pink)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



ERRIN®
(norethindrone tablets, USP 0.35 mg)
(active pills yellow)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA

JOLIVETTE®
(0.35 mg norethindrone)
Watson

NORA-BE®
(0.35 mg norethindrone)
Watson

THE ONLY 10 microgram PILL

LO LOESTRIN®
(1 mg norethindrone acetate/10 mcg ethinyl
estradiol/75 mg ferrous fumarate [7d])
Teva Women's Health

COMBINED PILLS - 20 microgram PILLS

LoSEASONIQUE®
(levonorgestrel/ethinyl estradiol/0.10mg/
20 mcg and ethinyl estradiol 0.01 mg)
Teva Women's Health

COMBINED PILLS - 20 microgram PILLS



LYBREL™
(90 mcg levonorgestrel/20 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills pink)
Wyeth



YAZ® 28 TABLETS
(3.0 mg drospirenone/20 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills pink)
Bayer

BEYAZ® 28 TABLETS
Beyaz = Yaz + 451mcg folic acid
Bayer

GIANVI® 28 TABLETS
(3.0 mg drospirenone/20 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



ALESSE® - 28 TABLETS
(0.1 mg levonorgestrel/20 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills pink)
Wyeth



AVIANE®
(levonorgestrel/ethinyl estradiol tablets, USP 0.10 mg/20 mcg)
(active pills orange)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



LEVILITE™ - 28 TABLETS
(0.1 mg levonorgestrel/20 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills pink)
Bayer



LUTERA™
(0.1 mg levonorgestrel/20 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills white)
Watson



LESSINA®
(levonorgestrel/ethinyl estradiol tablets,
USP 0.1 mg/20 mcg)
(active pills pink)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



LOESTRIN® FE 1/20
(1 mg norethindrone acetate/
20 mcg ethinyl estradiol/
75 mg ferrous fumarate [7d])
(active pills white)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



JUNEL™
(norethindrone acetate and
ethinyl estradiol tablets,
USP 1 mg/20 mcg)
(active pills light yellow)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



JUNEL™ Fe
(norethindrone acetate and
ethinyl estradiol tablets, USP and
ferrous fumarate tablets 1 mg/20 mcg)
(active pills light yellow)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA

MICROGESTIN® & MICROGESTIN FE®
(1 mg norethindrone acetate/ 20 mcg ethinyl estradiol FE also contains /75 mg ferrous fumarate
Watson



KARIVA®
(desogestrel/estradiol tablets 0.15 mg/
20 mcg and ethinyl estradiol tablets 0.01 mg)
(active pills white and light blue)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



MIRCETTE® - 28 TABLETS
(0.15 mg desogestrel/ 20 mcg ethinyl estradiol X
21 (white)/placebo X 2 (green)/
10 mcg ethinyl estradiol X 5 (yellow)
Teva Women's Health

MERCILON®
(0.15 mg desogestrel/20 mcg ethinyl
estradiol/10mcg ethinyl estradiol)
Schering-Plough

COMBINED PILLS - ESTRODIAL VALERATE



NATAZIA™
Natazia consists of 28 film-coated, unscored tablets in the following order:

- 2 dark yellow tablets each containing 3mg estradiol valerate
- 5 medium red tablets each containing 2mg estradiol valerate and 2mg dienogest
- 17 light yellow tablets each containing 2mg estradiol valerate and 3mg dienogest
- 2 dark red tablets each containing 1 mg estradiol valerate
- 2 white tablets (inert)

Bayer

COMBINED PILLS - 30 microgram PILLS



SEASONALE®
(0.15 mg levonorgestrel/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
84 active pink pills
followed by 7 placebo pills
Teva Women's Health



SEASONIQUE®
(0.15 mg levonorgestrel/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
84 active pink pills followed by
7 pills with 10 mcg ethinyl estradiol
Teva Women's Health

JOLESSA™
(0.15 mg levonorgestrel/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
91 day regimen
Teva Women's Health



QUASENSE™
(0.15 mg levonorgestrel/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
Watson Laboratories



NORDETTE®-28 TABLETS
(0.15 mg levonorgestrel/30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills light orange)
Teva Women's Health



LEVORA TABLETS
(0.15 mg levonorgestrel/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills white)
Watson



PORTIA®*
(levonorgestrel and ethinyl estradiol
tablets, USP 0.15 mg/30 mcg)
(active pills pink)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



LEVLEN® 28 TABLETS
(0.15 mg levonorgestrel/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills light orange)
Bayer



LO/OVRAL®-28 TABLETS
(0.3 mg norgestrel/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills white)
Wyeth



LOW-OGESTREL® - 28
(0.3 mg norgestrel/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills white)
Watson



CRYSELLE®
(0.3 mg norgestrel/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills white)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



YASMIN® 28 TABLETS
(3.0 mg drospirenone/30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills yellow)
Bayer

SAFYRAL™ 28 TABLETS
Safyral = Yasmin + 451mcg of folic acid
Bayer

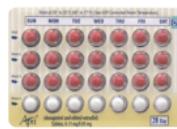


DESOGEN® 28 TABLETS
(0.15 mg desogestrel/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills white)
Schering-Plough

SOLIA™
(0.15 mg desogestrel/30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
Schering-Plough



ORTHO-CEPT® TABLETS
28-DAY REGIMENT
(0.15 mg desogestrel/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills orange)
Ortho-McNeil



API®
(desogestrel/
ethinyl estradiol 0.15 mg/
0.03 mg tablets)
(active pills rose)
Teva Pharmaceuticals
USA



LOESTRIN® 21 1.5/30
(1.5 mg norethindrone acetate/30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills green)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



MICROGESTIN® 1.5/30 with or without Fe
(1.5 mg norethindrone acetate/
30 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
Watson



JUNEL™
(norethindrone acetate and ethinyl estradiol
tablets, USP 1.5 mg./30 mcg.)
(active pills pink)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



JUNEL™ Fe
(norethindrone acetate and ethinyl estradiol tablets,
USP and ferrous fumarate tablets 1.5 mg/30 mcg)
(active pills pink)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA

COMBINED PILLS - 35 microgram PILLS



ORTHO-CYCLEN® 28 TABLETS
 (0.25 mg norgestimate/
 35 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
 (active pills blue)
 Ortho-McNeil



SPRINTEC®
 (norgestimate and ethinyl estradiol tablets,
 0.250 mg/35 mcg)
 (active pills blue)
 Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



MONONEESSA®
 (norgestimate and
 ethinyl estradiol tablets,
 0.250 mg/35 mcg)
 Watson

PREVIFEM™

(norgestimate and ethinyl estradiol tablets, 0.250 mg/35 mcg)
 Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



OVCON® 35 28-DAY
 (0.4 mg norethindrone/
 35 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
 (active pills peach)
 Warner-Chilcott
 Now there is a chewable
 Ovcon-35 pill!

ZENCHENT®
 (0.4 mg norethindrone/
 35 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
 Watson

**BALZIVA™ 1/35
 21 OR 28 TABLETS**
 (0.4 mg norethindrone/
 35 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
 Teva Pharmaceuticals USA

FEMCON FE™
 (0.4 mg norethindrone/
 35 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
 Warner-Chilcott

ZEOSA™
 (0.4 mg norethindrone/
 35 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
 (chewable)
 Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



DEMULEN® 1/35-28
 (1 mg ethynodiol diacetate/
 35 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
 (active pills white)
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KELNOR™
 (ethynodiol diacetate 1 mg. and
 ethinyl estradiol 35 mcg, USP)
 (active pills light yellow)
 Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



ZOVIA® 1/35E-28
 (1 mg ethynodiol diacetate/
 35 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
 (active pills light pink)
 Watson



NORETHIN 1/35E-28
(1 mg norethindrone/35 mcg ethynodiol diacetate)
(active pills white)
Shire



ORTHO-NOVUM® 1/35 28 TABLETS
(1 mg norethindrone/35 mcg ethynodiol diacetate)
(active pills peach)
Ortho-McNeil



NORTREL®
(norethindrone and ethynodiol diacetate tablets,
USP 1/35 mg)
(active pills yellow)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



NORINYL® 1+35 28-DAY TABLETS
(1 mg norethindrone/35 mcg ethynodiol diacetate)
(active pills yellow-green)
Watson



NECON® 1/35-28
(1 mg norethindrone/35 mcg ethynodiol diacetate)
(active pills dark yellow)
Watson



NORTREL®
(norethindrone and ethynodiol diacetate tablets,
USP 1.0 mg/35 mcg 28-day regimen)
(active pills yellow)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



BREVICON® 28-DAY TABLETS
(0.5 mg norethindrone/35 mcg ethynodiol diacetate)
(active pills blue)
Watson



**MODICON® TABLETS
28-DAY REGIMEN**
(0.5 mg norethindrone/
35 mcg ethynodiol diacetate)
(active pills white)
Ortho-McNeil



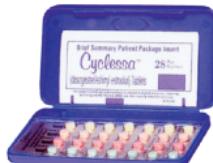
NORTREL®
(norethindrone and ethynodiol diacetate tablets,
USP 0.5/35 mcg)
(active pills light yellow)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA

COMBINED PILLS - PHASIC PILLS



ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN® LO - 28 TABLETS

(norgestimate/ethynodiol diacetate)
0.18 mg/25 mcg (7d) (white),
0.215 mg/25 mcg (7d) (light blue),
0.25 mg/25 mcg (7d) (dark blue)
remaining 7 placebo pills are green
Ortho-McNeil



CYCLESSA®
(desogestrel/ethynodiol diacetate - triphasic regimen)
0.1 mg/25 mcg (7d) (light yellow)
0.125 mg/25 mcg (7d) (orange)
0.150 mg/25 mcg (7d) (red)
Schering-Plough



VELVET™
(desogestrel/ethynodiol tablets - triphasic regimen)
(active pills beige, orange and pink)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA

CESIA™
(desogestrel/ethynodiol tablets - triphasic regimen)
Prasco



ORTHO-NOVUM® 10/11 - 28 TABLETS
(norethindrone/ethynodiol diacetate)
0.5 mg/35 mcg (10d) (white),
1 mg/35 mcg (11d) (peach)
Ortho-McNeil



NECON® 10/11 - 28 TABLETS
(norethindrone/ethynodiol diacetate)
0.5 mg/35 mcg (10d) (white),
1 mg/35 mcg (11d) (peach)
Watson

LEENA®
(norethindrone/ethynodiol) 0.5mg/35 mcg
(light blue), 1 mg/35 mcg (yellow-green)
Watson

ARANELLE™
(norethindrone/ethynodiol)
0.5mg/0.035mg (blue), 1 mg/35 mcg
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA

TRI-NORINYL®
(norethindrone/ethynodiol) 0.5mg/35 mcg
(blue), 1 mg/35 mcg (yellow-green)
Watson



ESTROSTEP® FE - 28 TABLETS

(norethindrone acetate/ethynodiol diacetate)

1 mg/20 mcg (5d) (white triangular),

1 mg/30 mcg (7d) (white square),

1 mg/35 mcg (9d), 75 mg ferrous

fumarate (7d) (white round)

Pfizer



JENEST® 28 TABLETS

(norethindrone/ethynodiol diacetate)

0.5 mg/35 mcg (7d) (white),

1 mg/35 mcg (14d) (peach)

Schering-Plough

TRI-LEGEST® FE

(norethindrone acetate/ethynodiol diacetate)

1 mg/20 mcg (5d), 1 mg/30 mcg (7d)

1 mg/35 mcg (9d), 75 mg ferrous fumarate (7d)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA



TRIPHASIC® 28 TABLETS

(levonorgestrel/ethynodiol diacetate-triphasic regimen)

0.050 mg/30 mcg (6d) (brown),

0.075 mg/40 mcg (5d) (white),

0.125 mg/30 mcg (10d) (light yellow)

Wyeth



TRI-LEVLEN® 28 TABLETS

(levonorgestrel/ethynodiol diacetate-triphasic regimen)

0.050 mg/30 mcg (6d) (brown),

0.075 mg/40 mcg (5d) (white),

0.125 mg/30 mcg (10d) (light yellow)

Bayer



TRIVORA®

(levonorgestrel/ethynodiol diacetate-triphasic regimen)

0.050 mg/30 mcg (6d), 0.075 mg/

40 mcg (5d), 0.125 mg/30 mcg (10d) (pink)

Watson



ENPRESSE®

(levonorgestrel and ethynodiol tablets, USP - triphasic regimen)

(active pills pink, white and orange)

Teva Pharmaceuticals USA

**ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN® - 28 TABLETS**

(norgestimate/ethynodiol diacetate)
0.18 mg/35 mcg (7d) (white),
0.215 mg/35 mcg (7d) (light blue),
0.25 mg/35 mcg (7d) (blue)

Ortho-McNeil

**TRI-SPRINTEC®**

(norgestimate and ethynodiol diacetate tablets - triphasic regimen)
(active pills gray, light blue and blue)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA

**TRINESSA®**

(norgestimate/ethynodiol diacetate)
0.18 mg/35 mcg (7d) (white),
0.215 mg/35 mcg (7d) (light blue),
0.25 mg/35 mcg (7d) (dark blue)
remaining 7 placebo pills are green
Watson

TRI-PREVIFEM™ - 28 TABLETS

(norgestimate and
ethynodiol diacetate tablets -
triphasic regimen)

Teva Pharmaceuticals USA

**ORTHO-NOVUM® 7/7/7 - 28 TABLETS**

(norethindrone/ethynodiol diacetate)
0.5 mg/35 mcg (7d) (white),
0.75 mg/35 mcg (7d) (light peach),
1 mg/35 mcg (7d) (peach)

Ortho-McNeil

**NORTREL® 7/7/7**

(norethindrone and ethynodiol diacetate tablets,
USP - triphasic regimen)
(active pills light yellow,
blue and peach)
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA

**NECON® 7/7/7**

0.5 mg/35 mcg (7d) (yellow),
0.75 mg/35 mcg (7d) (blue),
1 mg/35 mcg (7d) (peach)

Watson

COMBINED PILLS - 50 microgram PILLS



OVRAL® - 21 TABLETS
(0.5 mg norgestrel/50 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills white)
Wyeth



OGESTREL®
(0.5 mg norgestrel/50 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills white)
Watson



ORTHO-NOVUM® 1/50 - 28 TABLETS
(1 mg norethindrone/50 mcg mestranol)
(active pills yellow)
Ortho-McNeil



NECON® 1/50 - 28 TABLETS
(1 mg norethindrone/50 mcg mestranol)
Watson



NORINYL® 1/50
(1 mg norethindrone/50 mcg mestranol)
Watson

COMBINED PILLS - 50 microgram PILLS (continued)



OVCON® 50 28-DAY
(1 mg norethindrone/50 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills yellow)
Warner-Chilcott



DEMULEN® 1/50-28
(1 mg ethynodiol diacetate/50 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
(active pills white)
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ZOVIA® 1/50
(1 mg ethynodiol diacetate/50 mcg ethinyl estradiol)
Watson

PILLS AS EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVES:

2 Different Approaches: Progestin-Only Pills OR Combined Pills

PROGESTIN-ONLY PILLS

Plan B

1 + 1 pill 12 hours apart OR

2 Plan B Pills (white) ASAP after unprotected sex

Plan B available without a prescription in pharmacies to women and men ≥ 18 years old. Plan B is NOT carried in all pharmacies. Check in advance. Ask your pharmacy to carry Plan B.



Antinausea meds not necessary

COMBINED ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES

2 + 2 pills 12 hours apart

Ogestrel (white pills)

Ovral (white pills)

(Ogestrel and Ovral are NOT carried in all pharmacies. Check in advance.)

4 + 4 pills 12 hours apart

Cryselle (white pills)

Enpresse (orange pills)

Jolessa (pink pills)

Low-Ogestrel (white pills)

Lo-Ovral (white pills)

Levora (white pills)

Levlen (light orange pills)

Nordette (light orange pills)

Portia (pink pills)

Quasense (white pills)

Seasonale (pink pills)

Seasonique (light blue pills)

Triphasil (yellow pills)

Tri-Levlen (yellow pills)

Trivora (pink pills)

5 + 5 pills 12 hours apart

Alesse (pink pills)

Levlite (pink pills)

Aviane (orange pills)

Lessina (pink pills)

Lutera (white pills)

Have your patient take antinausea medication an hour before the first dose if using any of the combined oral contraceptives as emergency contraception. This is not necessary if using Plan B.

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