

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use FEMLYV™ safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for FEMLYV.

FEMLYV (norethindrone acetate and ethinyl estradiol orally disintegrating tablets)
Initial U.S. Approval: 1968

**WARNING: CIGARETTE SMOKING AND SERIOUS
CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS**

- See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.*
- **Women over 35 years old who smoke should not use FEMLYV (4)**
 - **Cigarette smoking increases the risk of serious cardiovascular events from combination oral contraceptive (COC) use (4)**

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

FEMLYV is a combination of norethindrone acetate, a progestin, and ethinyl estradiol, an estrogen, indicated for use by females of reproductive potential to prevent pregnancy (1)

Limitations of Use

The efficacy in females of reproductive potential with a body mass index of more than 35 kg/m² has not been evaluated (1, 8.8)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Place one FEMLYV orally disintegrating tablet (ODT) on the tongue, allow to disintegrate and then follow with 8 oz. (240 mL) of water
- Take at the same time daily without regards to meals (2.1, 12.3)
- Take ODTs in the order directed on the blister pack (2.1)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Orally disintegrating tablets (3):

- 24 ODTs each containing 1 mg norethindrone acetate and 0.02 mg ethinyl estradiol
- 4 inert ODTs

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- A high risk of arterial or venous thrombotic diseases (4)
- Breast cancer or history of breast cancer (4)
- Liver tumors, benign or malignant, or hepatic impairment (4)
- Co-administration with Hepatitis C drug combinations containing ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir, with or without dasabuvir (4)
- Undiagnosed abnormal uterine bleeding (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- **Thromboembolic Disorders and Other Vascular Problems:** Discontinue FEMLYV if a thrombotic event occurs. Discontinue at least 4 weeks before through 2 weeks after major surgery. Start no earlier than 4 weeks after delivery, in women who are not breastfeeding. Consider all cardiovascular risk factors before initiating in any female, particularly in the presence of multiple risk factors (5.1)
- **High blood pressure:** Monitor blood pressure periodically and stop use if blood pressure rises significantly. Do not prescribe for women with uncontrolled hypertension or hypertension with vascular disease (5.2)
- **Migraine:** Evaluate significant change in migraines and discontinue if new, recurrent, persistent, or severe migraines occur (5.3)
- **Hormonally-sensitive malignancy:** Discontinue FEMLYV if a hormonally-sensitive malignancy is diagnosed (5.4)
- **Liver disease:** Discontinue use if jaundice or acute or chronic disturbances of liver function occurs (5.5)
- **Glucose tolerance and hypertriglyceridemia:** Monitor glucose in females with prediabetes and diabetes taking FEMLYV. Consider an alternative contraceptive method for women with uncontrolled dyslipidemia (5.7)
- **Gallbladder disease and cholestasis:** Consider discontinuing FEMLYV in females with symptomatic gallbladder or cholestatic disease (5.8)
- **Uterine bleeding:** Evaluate irregular bleeding or amenorrhea (5.9)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

- The most common adverse reactions in clinical trials (≥2%) were: headache, vaginal candidiasis, nausea, menstrual cramps, breast tenderness, bacterial vaginitis, abnormal cervical smear, acne, mood swings, and weight gain. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, Millicent U.S. Inc. at 1-877-810-2101 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

- **CYP3A Inducers:** May lead to contraceptive failure and/or increase breakthrough bleeding. Avoid concomitant use. If concomitant use is unavoidable, use a back-up method or alternative method of contraception during co-administration and up to 28 days after discontinuation of the CYP3A inducer (7.1)
- See Full Prescribing Information for additional clinically significant drug interactions (7)

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- **Pregnancy:** Discontinue if pregnancy occurs (8.1)
- **Lactation:** Advise postpartum females that FEMLYV can decrease milk production (8.2)

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Cigarette smoking increases the risk of serious cardiovascular events from combined oral contraceptive (COC) use. This risk increases with age, particularly in females over 35 years of age, and with the number of cigarettes smoked. For this reason, COCs, including FEMLYV, are contraindicated in females who are over 35 years of age and smoke [see [Contraindications \(4\)](#) and [Warnings & Precautions \(5\)](#)].

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

FEMLYV is indicated for use by females of reproductive potential to prevent pregnancy [see [Clinical Studies \(14\)](#)].

Limitations of Use

The efficacy of FEMLYV in females with a body mass index (BMI) of more than 35 kg/m² has not been evaluated.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Dosing FEMLYV

To achieve maximum contraceptive effectiveness, take one ODT every day at about the same time each day. Place one ODT on the tongue, allow to disintegrate and then follow with 8 oz. (240 mL) of water. The recommended dosage of FEMLYV is one ODT daily for 28 consecutive days: one green active ODT daily during the first 24 days followed by one white inert ODT daily during the 4 following days (see Table 1). FEMLYV must be taken in the order directed on the blister pack. ODTs should not be skipped or taken at intervals exceeding 24 hours. FEMLYV may be administered without regard to meals [see 12.3]. Instruct the patient to begin taking FEMLYV either on the first day of her menstrual period (Day 1 Start) or on the first Sunday after the onset of her menstrual period (Sunday Start).

2.2 Recommended Dosage and Administration

Table 1 FEMLYV Administration Instructions

Starting FEMLYV in females with no current use of hormonal contraception	Important: <ul style="list-style-type: none">In females with irregular menstrual cycles, pregnancy testing may be necessary prior to initiation of this product <u>Day 1 Start:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Take first green FEMLYV without regard to meals on the first day of menstruationTake one green FEMLYV daily for 24 consecutive days, followed by one white FEMLYV daily on days 25 through to 28FEMLYV should be taken in the order directed on the package at the same time each
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	<p>day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-hormonal contraception (e.g. condoms and/or spermicide) should be used during the first 7 days if FEMLYV is started on a day other than the first day of menstruation
	<p><u>Sunday Start:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take one green FEMLYV daily, beginning on the first Sunday after the onset of menstruation Take one green FEMLYV daily for 24 consecutive days, followed by one white FEMLYV daily on days 25 through to 28 FEMLYV should be taken in the order directed on the package at the same time each day Non-hormonal contraception should be used during the first 7 days if FEMLYV is started on a day other than the first day of menstruation Begin next and all subsequent 28-day regimens of FEMLYV on the same day of the week as the first cycle pack (i.e., on the day after taking the last tablet)
<u>Switching to Femlyv from another contraceptive method:</u>	Start FEMLYV on the day:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined Oral Contraceptive (COC) 	Start FEMLYV on the day when the new pack of the previous COC would have been started
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transdermal System 	Start FEMLYV on the day when the next application would have been scheduled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaginal insert 	Start FEMLYV on the day when next insertion would have been scheduled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injection 	Start FEMLYV on the day when next injection would have been scheduled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intrauterine System (IUS) 	Start FEMLYV on the day of removal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implant 	Start FEMLYV on the day of removal

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progestin-only pill 	Start FEMLYV after the last tablet was taken
Starting FEMLYV after delivery (>20 weeks gestation)	<p>Must not start earlier than 4 weeks after delivery (due to the increased risk of thromboembolism [<i>see Contraindications (4) and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)</i>])</p> <p>If menstrual cycles have returned, follow instructions for “Starting FEMLYV in females with no current use of hormonal contraception”.</p> <p>If menstrual cycles have not resumed, consider the possibility of ovulation and pregnancy. If not pregnant, use additional nonhormonal contraception for the first 7 days of FEMLYV use.</p>
<p>Starting FEMLYV after Abortion or Miscarriage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≤ 14 weeks gestation 	<p>Within the first 7 days of complete first trimester abortion or miscarriage, use additional nonhormonal contraception for the next 7 days.</p> <p>After the first 7 days, follow instructions for “Starting FEMLYV in females with no current use of hormonal contraception”.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • > 14 weeks but ≤ 20 weeks gestation 	<p>After 4 weeks following second trimester abortion or miscarriage. Consider duration of pregnancy and increased risk of thromboembolism [<i>see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)</i>]</p> <p>If menstrual cycles have returned, follow instructions for “Starting FEMLYV in females with no current use of hormonal contraception”.</p> <p>If menstrual cycles have not resumed, consider the possibility of ovulation and pregnancy. If not pregnant, use additional nonhormonal contraception for the first 7 days of FEMLYV use.</p>

2.3 Missed Doses

Table 2. Instructions for Missed FEMLYV ODTs

If one green active ODT is missed	<p>Take the missed ODT as soon as possible. Take the next ODT at the regular time. Continue taking one ODT a day until the pack is finished.</p> <p>Additional nonhormonal contraception (such as condoms) is not needed.</p>
If two green active ODTs in a row are missed in Week 1 or Week 2 of the blister pack	<p>Take the two missed ODTs as soon as possible, and the next two ODTs the next day. Continue taking one ODT a day until the pack is finished.</p> <p>Use additional nonhormonal contraception (such as condoms) until green ODTs have been taken for 7 consecutive days.</p>
If two green active ODTs are missed in Week 3 or Week 4 of the blister pack	<p>Day 1 Starter: Discard the rest of the blister pack and start a new pack of ODTs that same day.</p> <p>Sunday Starter: Keep taking one ODT every day until Sunday. On Sunday, discard the rest of the blister pack and start a new pack of ODTs that same day.</p>
	<p>Use additional nonhormonal contraception (such as condoms) until green ODTs have been taken for 7 consecutive days.</p>

<p>If three or more green active ODTs in a row are missed</p>	<p>Day 1 Starter: Discard the rest of the blister pack and start a new pack that same day.</p> <p>Sunday Starter: Keep taking one ODT every day until Sunday. On Sunday, discard the rest of the blister pack and start a new blister pack of ODTs that same day.</p> <p>Bleeding may occur during the week following the missed ODTs.</p> <p>Use additional nonhormonal contraception (such as condoms) until green ODTs have been taken for 7 consecutive days.</p>
<p>If any of the four white inert ODTs are missed</p>	<p>Discard the missed ODTs. Continue taking the remaining ODTs until the blister pack is finished.</p> <p>Additional nonhormonal contraception (such as condoms) is not needed.</p>

2.4 Advice in Case of Gastrointestinal Disturbances

If vomiting or acute diarrhea occurs within 3 to 4 hours after taking an active ODT, take the new active ODT (scheduled for the next day) as soon as possible. If two or more active ODTs are missed, follow the advice concerning missed ODTs, including using backup non-hormonal contraception. For additional recommendations, refer to the table above [*see Dosage and Administration (2.3)*].

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Orally disintegrating tablets:

- 1 mg norethindrone acetate and 0.02 mg ethinyl estradiol, green, round ODTs, imprinted with “M” on one side and “312” on the other side
- White, round, inert ODTs imprinted with “M” on one side and “313” on the other side

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

FEMLYV is contraindicated in females who are known to have or develop the following conditions:

- A history of, increased risk for, or current arterial or venous thrombotic/thromboembolic diseases.

Examples include women who are known to:

- Smoke, if 35 years of age and older [see *Boxed Warning and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Have current or history of deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Have cerebrovascular disease [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Have coronary artery disease [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Have thrombogenic valvular or thrombogenic rhythm diseases of the heart (for example, subacute bacterial endocarditis with valvular disease, or atrial fibrillation) [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Have inherited or acquired hypercoagulopathies [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Have uncontrolled hypertension or hypertension with vascular disease [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]
- Have diabetes mellitus with hypertension or end-organ damage; or diabetes mellitus of > 20 years duration [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*]
- Have migraine headaches with aura
 - All women over age 35 with migraine headache [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]
- Current diagnosis of, or history of, breast cancer, which may be hormone-sensitive [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]
- Liver tumors, benign or malignant, or hepatic impairment [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]
- Use of Hepatitis C drug combinations containing ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir, with or without dasabuvir, due to the potential for ALT elevations [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*]
- Undiagnosed abnormal uterine bleeding [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.9)*]

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Thromboembolic Disorders and Other Vascular Problems

Stop FEMLYV if an arterial or deep venous thrombotic event (VTE) occurs.

Stop FEMLYV if there is unexplained loss of vision, proptosis, diplopia, papilledema, or retinal vascular lesions and evaluate for retinal vein thrombosis immediately.

Discontinue FEMLYV during prolonged immobilization.

If feasible, discontinue FEMLYV at least 4 weeks before and through 2 weeks after major surgery or other surgeries known to have an elevated risk of VTE.

Start FEMLYV no earlier than 4 weeks after delivery in females who are not breastfeeding. The risk of postpartum thromboembolism decreases after the third postpartum week, whereas the likelihood of ovulation increases after the third postpartum week.

Before starting FEMLYV, evaluate any past medical history or family history of thrombotic or thromboembolic disorders and consider whether the history suggests an inherited or acquired hypercoagulopathy. FEMLYV is contraindicated in females with a high risk of arterial or venous thrombotic/thromboembolic diseases [see *Contraindications (4)*].

Cardiovascular and Cerebrovascular Events

Use of CHCs increases the risk of cardiovascular events and cerebrovascular events, such as myocardial infarction and stroke. The risk is greater among females over age 40, smokers, and females with hypertension, dyslipidemia, diabetes, or obesity. The risk increases with age, particularly in

females 35 years of age and older, and with the number of cigarettes smoked. In addition to cigarettes, use of other nicotine-containing products – including cigars, smokeless tobacco, hookah tobacco, e-cigarettes, and nicotine replacement therapy – may also increase the risk of serious cardiovascular events from CHC use.

Venous Thromboembolism

Use of CHCs also increases the risk of venous thromboembolic events (VTEs), such as deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. The rate of VTE in females using COCs has been estimated to be 3 to 9 cases per 10,000 woman-years and should be considered in the context of other female of reproductive potential subpopulations who are not taking CHCs [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)].

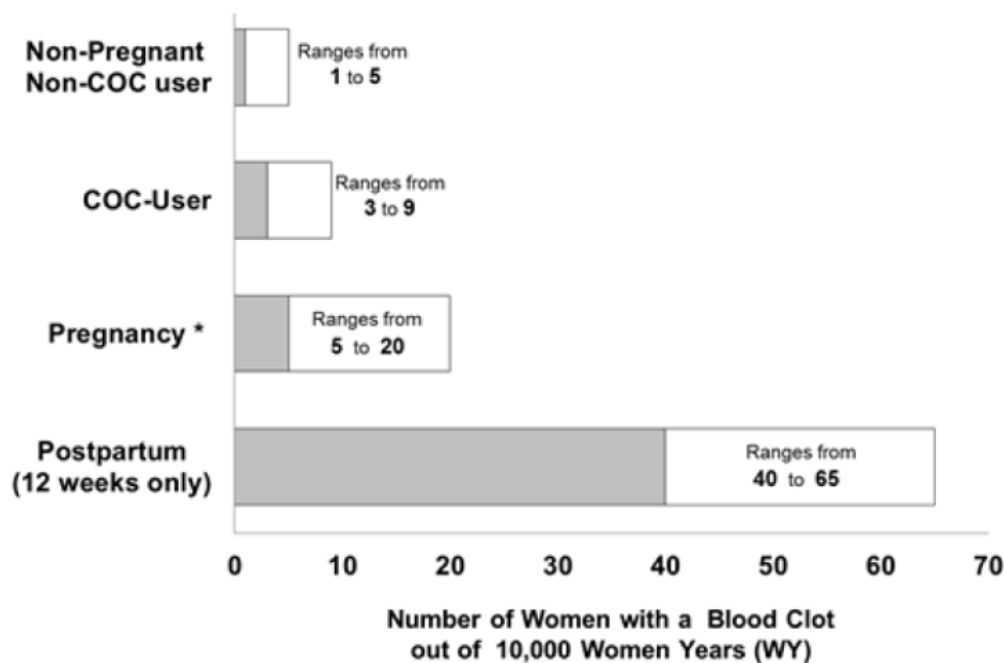
Risk factors for VTEs include smoking, obesity, family history of VTE, and prolonged immobilization in addition to other factors that contraindicate use of CHCs [see Contraindications (4)]. The presence of multiple risk factors for VTE may increase the risk synergistically. The risk of VTE is highest during the first year of CHC use and when restarting hormonal contraception after a break of four weeks or longer. The risk of VTE returns to baseline approximately 3 months after CHC use is discontinued.

Postpartum Venous Thromboembolism

The risk of VTE is increased during the first six weeks postpartum compared to the risk in nonpregnant, non-postpartum females. The risk is highest in the first three weeks postpartum but remains higher than baseline until at least six weeks postpartum. The presence of multiple risk factors for VTE may further increase the risk. Obstetric complications may extend the elevated risk up to 12 weeks postpartum.

Figure 1 shows the risk of developing a VTE for females who are not pregnant and do not use COCs, for females who use COCs, for pregnant females, and for females in the postpartum period. To put the risk of developing a VTE into perspective: if 10,000 females who are not pregnant and do not use oral contraceptives are followed for one year, between 1 and 5 of these females will develop a VTE.

Figure 1 Likelihood of Developing a VTE



5.2 High Blood Pressure

FEMLYV is contraindicated in females with uncontrolled hypertension or hypertension with vascular disease [see [Contraindications \(4\)](#)]. For all females, including those with well-controlled hypertension, monitor blood pressure and stop FEMLYV if blood pressure rises significantly.

An increase in blood pressure has been reported in females taking CHCs, and this increase is more likely in older women with extended duration of use.

5.3 Migraine

FEMLYV is contraindicated in females who have migraines with aura [see [Contraindications \(4\)](#)]. Discontinue FEMLYV in females using FEMLYV who develop new migraines that are recurrent, persistent, or severe. Discontinue FEMLYV if there is an increased frequency or severity of migraines during CHC use (which may be prodromal of a cerebrovascular event).

Migraines with aura increase the risk for stroke. This stroke risk is further increased in females who have migraines with aura with use of CHCs.

5.4 Malignant Neoplasms

Breast Cancer

FEMLYV is contraindicated in females who currently have or have had breast cancer because breast cancer may be hormonally sensitive [see [Contraindications \(4\)](#)].

Epidemiology studies have not found a consistent association between use of combined oral contraceptives (COCs) and breast cancer risk. Studies do not show an association between ever (current or past) use of COCs and risk of breast cancer. However, some studies report a small increase in the risk of breast cancer among current or recent users (<6 months since last use) and current users with longer duration of COC use [see [Postmarketing Experience \(6.2\)](#)].

Cervical Cancer

A causal relationship between the use of CHCs and the development of cervical cancer and intraepithelial neoplasia has not been clearly established. In observational studies, the use of oral hormonal contraceptives in females for five years or more, compared to females who did not use oral hormonal contraceptives, was associated with an increased risk of cervical cancer and intraepithelial neoplasia. In these studies, the use of oral hormonal contraceptives in females for 10 years or more, compared to females who received oral hormonal contraceptives for 5-9 years, was associated with an increased risk of cervical cancer and intraepithelial neoplasia. Limitations in these epidemiologic studies include potential recall bias, differences in sexual behavior, and other factors such as establishing whether there were data on persistent high-risk Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) infection.

5.5 Liver Disease

Elevated Liver Enzymes

FEMLYV is contraindicated in females with acute hepatitis or severe (decompensated) cirrhosis of the liver [see [Contraindications \(4\)](#)]. Withhold or permanently discontinue FEMLYV for persistent or significant elevation of liver enzymes. FEMLYV can cause elevated liver enzymes. Discontinue FEMLYV if jaundice develops.

Liver Tumors

FEMLYV is contraindicated in females with hepatic adenomas and malignant liver tumors [see [Contraindications \(4\)](#)]. CHCs increase the risk of hepatic tumors, particularly, hepatic adenomas. Rupture of hepatic adenomas may cause death from abdominal hemorrhage.

5.6 Risk of Liver Enzyme Elevations with Concomitant Hepatitis C Treatment

CHCs, such as FEMLYV, are contraindicated for use with Hepatitis C drug combinations containing ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir (with or without dasabuvir) [see [Contraindications \(4\)](#)]. Discontinue FEMLYV prior to starting therapy with the combination drug regimen ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir (with or without dasabuvir). FEMLYV can be restarted approximately 2 weeks following completion of treatment with this hepatitis C combination drug regimen.

During clinical trials with the above-mentioned Hepatitis C combination drug regimen, ALT elevations greater than 5 times the upper limit of normal (ULN), including some cases greater than 20 times the ULN, were significantly more frequent in females using ethinyl estradiol (EE)-containing drugs, such as CHCs.

5.7 Glucose Tolerance and Hypertriglyceridemia

Glucose Tolerance

Carefully monitor females with prediabetes and diabetes who are using FEMLYV. FEMLYV may decrease glucose tolerance.

Hypertriglyceridemia

Consider alternative contraception for females with hypertriglyceridemia. Females with hypertriglyceridemia, or a family history thereof, may have an increase in serum triglyceride concentrations when using FEMLYV, which may increase the risk of pancreatitis.

5.8 Gallbladder Disease and Cholestasis

Consider discontinuing FEMLYV in females with symptomatic gallbladder disease or cholestatic disease. Studies suggest an increased risk of developing gallbladder disease among CHC users. Use of CHCs may also worsen existing gallbladder disease.

A past history of CHC-related cholestasis predicts an increased risk with subsequent CHC use. Women with a history of pregnancy-related cholestasis may be at an increased risk for CHC-related cholestasis.

5.9 Bleeding Irregularities and Amenorrhea

Unscheduled Bleeding and Spotting

Females using FEMLYV may experience unscheduled (breakthrough or intracyclic) bleeding and spotting, especially during the first three months of use. Bleeding irregularities may resolve over time or by changing to a different contraceptive product. If bleeding persists or occurs after previously regular cycles, evaluate for causes such as pregnancy or malignancy.

Based on patient diaries from a clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of a 24-day regimen of norethindrone acetate 1 mg/ethinyl estradiol 0.020 mg tablets, 24-35% of women experienced unscheduled bleeding per cycle. A total of 10 subjects out of 743 (1.3%) discontinued due to bleeding or spotting [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#)].

Amenorrhea and Oligomenorrhea

If scheduled (withdrawal) bleeding does not occur, consider the possibility of pregnancy. If the patient has not adhered to the prescribed dosing schedule (missed one or more active tablets or started taking them on a day later than she should have), consider the possibility of pregnancy at the time of the first missed period and take appropriate diagnostic measures. If the patient has adhered to the prescribed regimen and misses two consecutive periods, rule out pregnancy.

Females who use FEMLYV may experience absence of scheduled (withdrawal) bleeding, even if they are not pregnant. In the clinical trial with a 24-day regimen of norethindrone acetate 1 mg/ethinyl estradiol 0.020 mg tablets, 22 to 36% of the women using norethindrone acetate 1 mg/ethinyl estradiol 0.020 mg tablets experienced amenorrhea in at least one of 6 cycles of use [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

After discontinuation of FEMLYV, amenorrhea or oligomenorrhea may occur, especially if these conditions were pre-existent.

5.10 Depression

Monitor females with a history of depression and discontinue FEMLYV if depression recurs to a serious degree. Data on the association of COCs with onset of depression or exacerbation of existing depression are limited.

5.11 Effect on Binding Globulins

Increase the dosage of thyroid hormone replacement therapy as needed in females taking FEMLYV [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*]. The estrogen component of FEMLYV may increase the serum concentrations of thyroxine-binding globulin, sex hormone-binding globulin, and cortisol-binding globulin.

5.12 Hereditary Angioedema

Avoid FEMLYV in females with hereditary angioedema. Exogenous estrogens may induce or exacerbate symptoms of hereditary angioedema.

5.13 Chloasma

Avoid FEMLYV in females with a history of chloasma gravidarum or increased sensitivity to sun and/or ultraviolet radiation exposure. Chloasma may occur with FEMLYV, especially in females with a history of chloasma gravidarum.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions with the use of COCs are discussed elsewhere in the labeling:

- Serious cardiovascular events and stroke [see *Boxed Warning and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Vascular events [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Liver disease [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]

6.1 Clinical Trial Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to the rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

The safety of FEMLYV has been established from adequate and well-controlled studies of norethindrone acetate 1 mg/ethinyl estradiol 0.020 mg tablets in adult females of reproductive potential for the prevention of pregnancy [see *Clinical Studies (14)*]. The data described below reflect exposure to norethindrone acetate 1 mg/ethinyl estradiol 0.020 mg tablets.

Common Adverse Reactions (Greater Than or Equal to 2% of all Treated Subjects): The most common adverse reactions reported by at least 2% of the 743 women using norethindrone acetate/ethinyl estradiol tablets were the following, in order of decreasing incidence: headache (6.3%), vaginal candidiasis (6.1%), nausea (4.6%), menstrual cramps (4.4%), breast tenderness (3.4%), bacterial vaginitis (3.1%), abnormal cervical smear (3.1%), acne (2.7%), mood swings (2.2%), and weight gain (2.0%).

Adverse Reactions Leading to Study Discontinuation: Among the 743 women using norethindrone acetate/ethinyl estradiol tablets, 46 women (6.2%) withdrew because of an adverse event. Adverse events occurring in 3 or more subjects leading to discontinuation of treatment were, in decreasing order: abnormal or irregular bleeding (1.3%), nausea (0.8%), menstrual cramps (0.5%), and increased blood pressure (0.4%).

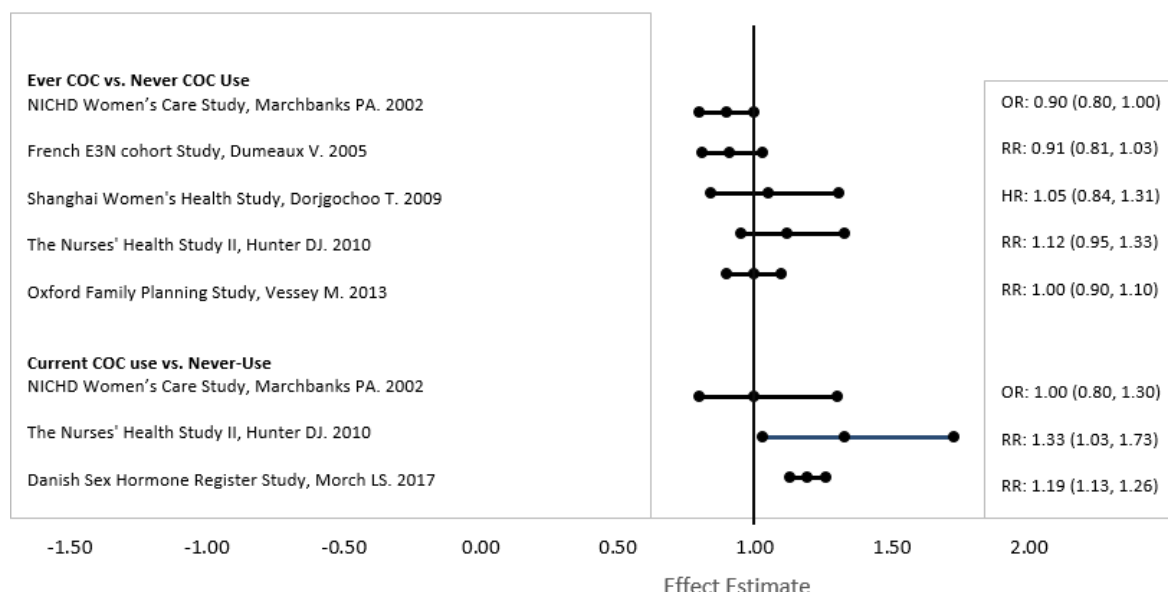
6.2 Postmarketing Experience

Five studies that compared breast cancer risk between ever-users (current or past use) of COCs and never-users of COCs reported no association between ever use of COCs and breast cancer risk, with effect estimates ranging from 0.90 - 1.12 (Figure 2).

Three studies compared breast cancer risk between current or recent COC users (<6 months since last use) and never users of COCs (Figure 1). One of these studies reported no association between breast cancer risk and COC use. The other two studies found an increased relative risk of 1.19 - 1.33 with current or recent use. Both of these studies found an increased risk of breast cancer with current use of longer duration, with relative risks ranging from 1.03 with less than one year of COC use to approximately 1.4 with more than 8-10 years of COC use.

Figure 2.

Relevant Studies of Risk of Breast Cancer with Combined Oral Contraceptives



RR = relative risk; OR = odds ratio; HR = hazard ratio. "ever COC" are females with current or past COC use; "never COC use" are females that never used COCs.

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post approval use of a 24-day regimen of norethindrone acetate 1 mg/ethinyl estradiol 0.020 mg tablets. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or evaluate a causal relationship to drug exposure.

Adverse reactions are grouped into System Organ Classes.

Vascular disorders: thrombosis/embolism (coronary artery, pulmonary, cerebral, deep vein).

Hepatobiliary disorders: cholelithiasis, cholecystitis, hepatic adenoma, hemangioma of liver.

Immune system disorders: hypersensitivity reaction.

Skin and subcutaneous disorders: alopecia, rash (generalized and allergic), pruritus, skin discoloration.

GI disorders: nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain.

Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders: myalgia.

Eye disorders: blurred vision, visual impairment, corneal thinning, change in corneal curvature (steepening).

Infections and infestations: fungal infection, vaginal infection.

Investigations: change in weight or appetite (increase or decrease), fatigue, malaise, peripheral edema, blood pressure increased.

Nervous system disorders: headache, dizziness, migraine, loss of consciousness.

Psychiatric disorders: mood swings, depression, insomnia, anxiety, suicidal ideation, panic attack, changes in libido.

Renal and urinary disorders: cystitis-like syndrome.

Reproductive system and breast disorders: breast changes (tenderness, pain, enlargement, and secretion), premenstrual syndrome, dysmenorrhea.

Cardiovascular: chest pain, palpitations, tachycardia, myocardial infarction.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Effects of Other Drugs on Combined Oral Contraceptives

Substances diminishing the efficacy of COCs: Drugs or herbal products that induce certain enzymes, including cytochrome P450 3A4 (CYP3A4), may decrease the effectiveness of COCs or increase breakthrough bleeding. Some drugs or herbal products that may decrease the effectiveness of hormonal contraceptives include phenytoin, barbiturates, carbamazepine, bosentan, felbamate, griseofulvin, oxcarbazepine, rifampicin, topiramate and products containing St. John's wort. Interactions between oral contraceptives and other drugs may lead to breakthrough bleeding and/or contraceptive failure. Counsel women to use an alternative method of contraception or a back-up method when enzyme inducers are used with COCs, and to continue back-up contraception for 28 days after discontinuing the enzyme inducer to ensure contraceptive reliability.

Substances increasing the plasma concentrations of COCs: Co-administration of atorvastatin and certain COCs containing ethinyl estradiol increase AUC values for ethinyl estradiol by approximately 20%. Ascorbic acid and acetaminophen may increase plasma ethinyl estradiol concentrations, possibly by inhibition of conjugation. CYP3A4 inhibitors such as itraconazole or ketoconazole may increase plasma hormone concentrations.

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/ Hepatitis C virus (HCV) protease inhibitors and non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors: Significant changes (increase or decrease) in the plasma concentrations of the estrogen and progestin have been noted in some cases of co-administration of HIV/HCV protease inhibitors or of non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors.

Antibiotics: There have been reports of pregnancy while taking hormonal contraceptives and antibiotics, but clinical pharmacokinetic studies have not shown consistent effects of antibiotics on plasma concentrations of synthetic steroids.

7.2 Effects of Combined Oral Contraceptives on Other Drugs

COCs containing ethinyl estradiol may inhibit the metabolism of other compounds. COCs have been shown to significantly decrease plasma concentrations of lamotrigine, likely due to induction of lamotrigine glucuronidation. This may reduce seizure control; therefore, dosage adjustments of lamotrigine may be necessary.

Women on thyroid hormone replacement therapy may need increased doses of thyroid hormone because serum concentration of thyroid-binding globulin increases with use of COCs.

7.3 Concomitant Use with HCV Combination Therapy – Liver Enzyme Elevation

Do not co-administer FEMLYV with HCV drug combinations containing ombitasvir/ paritaprevir/ritonavir, with or without dasabuvir, due to potential for ALT elevations [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.6\)](#)].

7.4 Interference with Laboratory Tests

The use of contraceptive steroids may influence the results of certain laboratory tests, such as coagulation factors, lipids, glucose tolerance, and binding proteins.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

Discontinue FEMLYV if pregnancy occurs, because there is no reason to use hormonal contraceptives during pregnancy. Epidemiologic studies and meta-analyses have not found an increased risk of genital or nongenital birth defects (including cardiac anomalies and limb-reduction defects) following exposure to COCs before conception or during early pregnancy.

In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2 to 4 percent and 15 to 20 percent, respectively.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

Contraceptive hormones and/or metabolites are present in human milk. COCs can reduce milk production in breast-feeding females. This reduction can occur at any time but is less likely to occur once breast-feeding is well-established. When possible, advise the nursing female to use other methods of contraception until she discontinues breast-feeding [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*]. The developmental and health benefits of breast-feeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for FEMLYV and any potential adverse effects on the breast-fed child from FEMLYV or from the underlying maternal condition.

8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and efficacy of FEMLYV have been established in females of reproductive potential. Efficacy is expected to be the same in postmenarcheal adolescents younger than 17 years as for users 17 years and older. FEMLYV is not indicated before menarche.

8.7 Hepatic Impairment

FEMLYV is contraindicated in females with hepatic impairment [see *Contraindications (4)*, *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]. Steroid hormones may be poorly metabolized in patients with hepatic impairment. Acute or chronic disturbances of liver function may necessitate the discontinuation of COC use until markers of liver function return to normal and COC causation has been excluded [see *Contraindications (4)* and *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].

8.8 Body Mass Index

The safety and effectiveness of FEMLYV in females with a BMI greater than 35 kg/m² have not been fully evaluated [see *Clinical Studies (14)*].

10 OVERDOSAGE

Overdosage of CHCs may cause nausea, vomiting, and severe headaches. Individual reports of thromboembolic complications and vaginal bleeding have occurred from overdosage. Pediatric patients with unintended CHC ingestion have reported nausea and vomiting and some developed irritability and drowsiness; rare reports described vaginal bleeding.

Overdosage Management Recommendations

Consider short-term prophylactic anticoagulation therapy for patients with high risk of VTE.

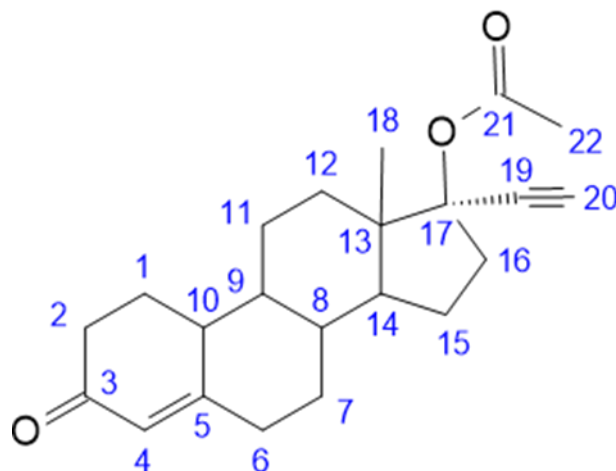
11 DESCRIPTION

FEMLYV (norethindrone acetate and ethinyl estradiol orally disintegrating tablets) is a combined oral contraceptive. FEMLYV consists of 24 green, round ODTs each containing 1 mg norethindrone acetate and 0.020 mg ethinyl estradiol and 4 white, round inert ODTs.

Each green ODT also contains the following inactive ingredients: croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, mint green lake blend, pregelatinized starch, spearmint flavor, sucralose, vitamin E (DL-alpha-tocopherol).

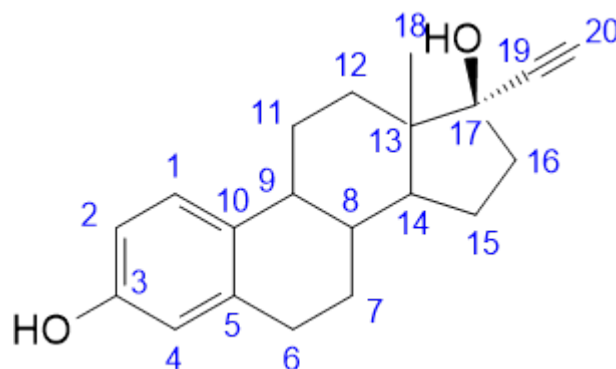
Each white ODT contains, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinized starch, spearmint flavor, sucralose.

The empirical formula of norethindrone acetate is $C_{22}H_{28}O_3$ and the structural formula is:



The chemical name of norethindrone acetate is [19-Norpregn-4-en-20-yn-3-one, 17-(acetyloxy)-, (17 α)-]. The molecular weight of norethindrone acetate is 340.46. It is a neutral molecule and is practically insoluble in water.

The empirical formula of ethinyl estradiol is $C_{20}H_{24}O_2$ and the structural formula is:



The chemical name of ethinyl estradiol is [19-Norpregna-1,3,5(10)-trien-20-yne-3,17-diol, (17 α)-]. The molecular weight of ethinyl estradiol is 296.40. It is a neutral molecule and is practically insoluble in water.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

CHCs lower the risk of becoming pregnant primarily by suppressing ovulation.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

No specific pharmacodynamic studies were conducted with FEMLYV.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Absorption

Norethindrone acetate appears to be completely and rapidly deacetylated to norethindrone after oral administration. The absolute bioavailability was approximately 64% for norethindrone and 43% for ethinyl estradiol following oral administration.

The plasma norethindrone and ethinyl estradiol pharmacokinetics following single-dose administrations of FEMLYV ODT in 36 healthy female subjects are provided in [Figures 3 and 4](#), and [Table 3](#).

Figure 3. Mean (\pm Standard Deviation) Plasma Norethindrone Concentration-Time Profile Following Single-Dose Administration of FEMLYV ODT to Healthy Female Volunteers under Fasting Conditions (n = 36)

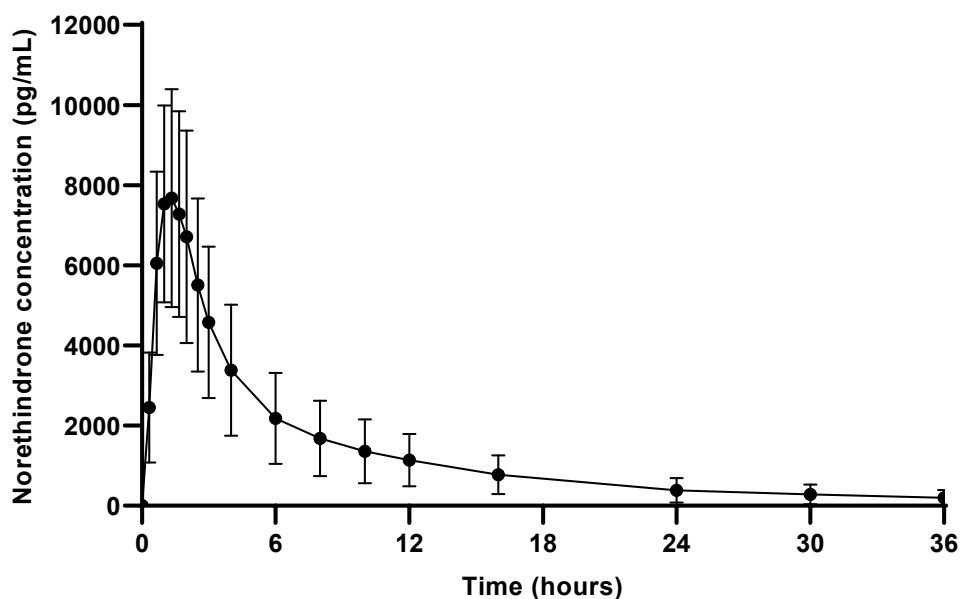


Figure 4. Mean (\pm Standard Deviation) Plasma Ethinyl Estradiol Concentration-Time Profile Following Single-Dose Administration of FEMLYV ODT to Healthy Female Volunteers under Fasting Conditions (n = 36)

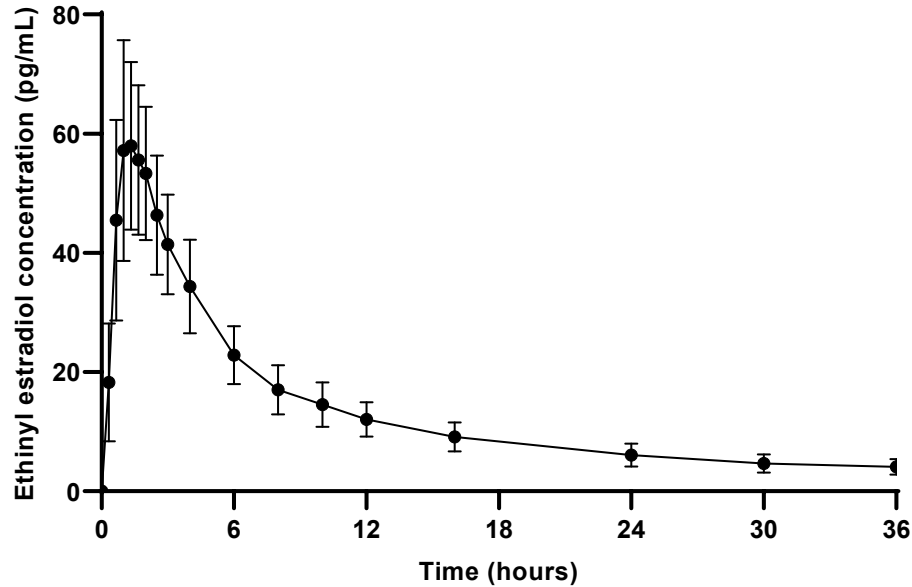


Table 3. Summary of Norethindrone (NE) and Ethinyl Estradiol (EE) Pharmacokinetics Following Single-Dose Administration of FEMLYV ODT to Healthy Female Volunteers Under Fasting Conditions (n = 36)

Analyte	Arithmetic Mean ^a (% CV) by Pharmacokinetic Parameter				
	C _{max} (pg/mL)	t _{max} (hr)	AUC _(0-tldc) (pg•h/mL)	AUC _(0-inf) (pg•h/mL)	t _½ (hr)
NE	8438 (34)	1.33 (0.66–2.50)	50060 (48)	51190 (49)	10.25 (26)
EE	62.8 (25)	1.33 (0.67–2.03)	505.1 (25)	595.6 ^b (24)	18.02 ^b (34)

C_{max} = Maximum plasma concentration

t_{max} = Time of C_{max}

AUC_(0-tldc) = Area under plasma concentration versus time curve from 0 to tldc, the time of last determinable concentration

AUC_(0-inf) = Area under the plasma concentration versus time curve from time 0 to infinity

t_½ = Terminal phase half-life

% CV = Coefficient of Variation (%)

^a The median (range) is reported for t_{max}

^b n = 35

Effect of Food

No clinically significant differences in pharmacokinetics of norethindrone and ethinyl estradiol were observed following administration of a high-fat meal in healthy premenopausal subjects.

Distribution

Volume of distribution of norethindrone and ethinyl estradiol ranges from 2 to 4 L/kg. Plasma protein binding of both steroids is extensive (greater than 95%); norethindrone binds to both albumin and SHBG, whereas ethinyl estradiol binds only to albumin. Although ethinyl estradiol does not bind to SHBG, it induces SHBG synthesis.

Metabolism

Norethindrone undergoes extensive biotransformation, primarily via reduction, followed by sulfate and glucuronide conjugation. The majority of metabolites in the circulation are sulfates, with glucuronides accounting for most of the urinary metabolites.

Ethinyl estradiol is also extensively metabolized, both by oxidation and by conjugation with sulfate and glucuronide. Sulfates are the major circulating conjugates of ethinyl estradiol and glucuronides predominate in urine. The primary oxidative metabolite is 2-hydroxy ethinyl estradiol, formed by the CYP3A4 isoform of cytochrome P450. Part of the first-pass metabolism of ethinyl estradiol is believed to occur in gastrointestinal mucosa. Ethinyl estradiol may undergo enterohepatic circulation.

Excretion

Norethindrone and ethinyl estradiol are excreted in both urine and feces, primarily as metabolites. Plasma clearance values for norethindrone and ethinyl estradiol are similar (approximately 0.4 L/hr/kg). Elimination half-lives of norethindrone and ethinyl estradiol following administration of FEMLYV are approximately 10 hours and 18 hours, respectively.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

[See *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4, 5.5)].

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

The effectiveness of FEMLYV has been established for the prevention of pregnancy in females of reproductive potential based on adequate and well-controlled studies of norethindrone acetate/ethinyl estradiol tablets. The data presented below reflects results from studies of norethindrone acetate/ethinyl estradiol tablets.

In a clinical study, 743 women 18 to 45 years of age were studied to assess the efficacy of norethindrone acetate/ethinyl estradiol tablets, for up to six 28-day cycles providing a total of 3,823 treatment-cycles of exposure. The racial demographic of all enrolled women was: 70% Caucasian, 16% African American, 10% Hispanic, 2% Asian and 2% Other. Women with BMI greater than 35 kg/m² were excluded from the study. The weight range for those women treated was 90 to 260 pounds, with a mean weight of 147 pounds. Among the women in the study, about 40% had not used hormonal contraception immediately prior to enrolling in this study.

A total of 583 women completed 6 cycles of treatment. There were a total of 5 on-treatment pregnancies in 3,565 treatment cycles during which no backup contraception was used. The Pearl Index for norethindrone acetate and ethinyl estradiol tablets was 1.82 (95% confidence interval 0.59 - 4.25).

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

16.1 How Supplied

FEMLYV (norethindrone acetate and ethinyl estradiol orally disintegrating tablets), 1 mg/0.02 mg is available in a carton of three pouches, each pouch contains a blister card of 28 ODTs.

Each blister card contains 28 ODTs in the following order:

- 24 green, round active ODTs imprinted with “M” on one side and “312” on the other side.
- 4 white, round inert ODTs imprinted with “M” on one side and “313” on the other side.

NDC 72495-601-84, cartons of 3 pouches, each pouch contains a blister card of 28 ODTs.

NDC 72495-601-28, cartons of 1 pouch, each pouch contains a blister card of 28 ODTs.

16.2 Storage Conditions

Store at 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F); excursions permitted to 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F) [See USP Controlled Room Temperature].

16.3 Disposal

Dispose unused medication via a take-back option if available. Otherwise, follow FDA instructions for disposing medication in the household trash, www.fda.gov/drugdisposal. Do NOT flush down the toilet.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-Approved patient labeling (Patient Information)

Sexually Transmitted Infections

Advise females that FEMLYV does not protect against HIV infection or other sexually transmitted infections.

Important Administration Instructions and Instructions for Missed Doses

Instruct females to take one FEMLYV orally once at the same time every day by allowing the FEMLYV to disintegrate on the tongue, then follow with 8 oz (240 mL) of water. Advise patients about what to do in the event that ODTs are missed [see *Dosage and Administration (2)*].

- Advise females starting FEMLYV to use additional nonhormonal contraception for 7 days after the first dose unless FEMLYV is started on the first day (Day 1) of menses [see *Dosage and Administration (2)*]
- Advise females who miss more than two consecutive days of FEMLYV or experience vomiting or diarrhea for > 48 hours consecutively to use additional nonhormonal contraception for 7 days [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3, 2.4)*]

Thromboembolic Disorders and Other Vascular Problems [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

- Advise females that there is an increased risk of arterial and/or venous thrombotic/thromboembolic events with FEMLYV and the risk of arterial and/or venous thrombotic/thromboembolism is greater in smokers and females with preexisting medical conditions including hypertension, dyslipidemia, diabetes, and obesity.

- Advise patients of the pertinent factors that further increase their risk and ways to diminish the risk, e.g., to stop smoking (if applicable)
- Advise patients to contact their healthcare professional for any signs or symptoms of arterial and/or VTE
- Advise patients to contact their healthcare professional if they will be immobilized for a prolonged period of time

Hypertension

Advise females that FEMLYV can cause an increase in blood pressure over time. Instruct patients to contact their healthcare professional if blood pressure increases [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

Liver Disease

Advise females that use of FEMLYV can cause elevated liver enzymes and can increase the risk of liver tumors. Instruct females to contact their healthcare professional for any signs or symptoms of liver disease [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].

Glucose Tolerance

Advise females that FEMLYV may decrease glucose tolerance. Instruct females with diabetes and prediabetes to contact their healthcare professional for any signs or symptoms of hyperglycemia [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.7)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*].

Gallbladder Disease and Cholestasis

Advise females that use of FEMLYV is associated with an increased risk of developing and/or worsening gallbladder disease. Instruct patients to contact their healthcare professional for any signs or symptoms of gallbladder disease [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.8)*].

Bleeding Irregularities, Amenorrhea, and Pregnancy

Advise females that FEMLYV can cause unscheduled bleeding and spotting, as well as amenorrhea and oligomenorrhea. Advise females to contact their health care professional if amenorrhea occurs in two or more consecutive cycles or symptoms of pregnancy occur, e.g., morning sickness or unusual breast tenderness. Instruct females to stop FEMLYV if pregnancy is confirmed during use [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.9)* and *Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].

Chloasma

Advise females that FEMLYV can cause chloasma and the risk is highest in females with a history of chloasma, especially chloasma gravidarum. Instruct females to take precautions to limit UVA and UVB exposure while using FEMLYV [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.13)*].

Lactation

Advise postpartum females that FEMLYV may reduce breast milk production. Advise females that this reduction is less likely to occur if breast-feeding is well established [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.2)*].

Drug Interactions

FEMLYV may interact with many drugs, foods, and dietary supplements. Therefore, advise females to report to their healthcare professional the use of any other prescription or nonprescription drugs or dietary supplements [see *Drug Interactions (7.1, 7.2)*].

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