



Emergency contraception: Ulipristal acetate (Ellaone)

This leaflet gives advice on taking the emergency contraceptive Ulipristal acetate, and any risks and side effects involved.

Important information about Ulipristal acetate

- Ulipristal acetate can be taken up to 120 hours (5 days) after unprotected sex.
- It will not work for any other unprotected sex you had more than 5 days ago.
- It will also not protect you for any unprotected sex you have from now until your next period.
- Around 2 in every 100 women will get pregnant **even after taking Ulipristal acetate**. If this happens, there is no evidence that the pregnancy will be harmed.
- There are no known serious side effects of Ulipristal acetate.

Starting contraception after taking Ulipristal acetate

- Start your pills 5 days after taking Ulipristal acetate, on _____.
- Use condoms for _____ days after starting the pill.
- Do a pregnancy test on _____.

Contact us or GP if:

- You vomit within 3 hours of taking Ulipristal acetate.
- You have further unprotected sex
- Your pregnancy test is positive.



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