



HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use Endometrin safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for Endometrin.

Endometrin® (progesterone) Vaginal Insert, 100mg

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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Endometrin® is a progesterone indicated to support embryo implantation and early pregnancy by supplementation of corpus luteal function as part of an Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) treatment program for infertile women. (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The dose of Endometrin is 100 mg administered vaginally two or three times daily starting the day after oocyte retrieval and continuing for up to 10 weeks total duration. Efficacy in women 35 years of age and older has not been clearly established. The appropriate dose of Endometrin in this age group has not been determined. (2.1)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- 100 mg vaginal insert (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Previous allergic reactions to progesterone or any of the ingredients of Endometrin Vaginal Insert (4)
- Known missed abortion or ectopic pregnancy (4)
- Liver disease (4)
- Known or suspected breast cancer (4)
- Active arterial or venous thromboembolism or severe thrombophlebitis, or a history of these events (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Life-threatening arterial or venous thromboembolic disorders may occur during hormone treatment, including treatment with Endometrin. Discontinue Endometrin if any of these are suspected (5.1)

- Observe patients with a history of depression closely. Consider discontinuation if symptoms worsen (5.2)

- Endometrin is not recommended for use with other vaginal products (such as antifungal products) as this may alter progesterone release and absorption from the vaginal insert (5.3)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reactions reported (greater than 2%) were post-oocyte retrieval pain, abdominal pain, nausea, and ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (6)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Ferring at 1-800-822-8214 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

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3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

100 mg vaginal insert is a white to off-white oblong-shaped tablet debossed with “FPI” on one side and “100” on the other side.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Endometrin should not be used in individuals with any of the following conditions:

- Previous allergic reactions to progesterone or any of the ingredients of Endometrin [see *Description (11)*]
- Known missed abortion or ectopic pregnancy
- Liver disease
- Known or suspected breast cancer
- Active arterial or venous thromboembolism or severe thrombophlebitis, or a history of these events

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Cardiovascular or Cerebrovascular Disorders

The physician should be alert to earliest signs of myocardial infarction, cerebrovascular disorders, arterial or venous thromboembolism (venous thromboembolism or pulmonary embolism), thrombophlebitis, or retinal thrombosis. Endometrin should be discontinued if any of these are suspected.

5.2 Depression

Patients with a history of depression need to be closely observed. Consider discontinuation if symptoms worsen.

5.3 Use of Other Vaginal Products

Endometrin should not be recommended for use with other vaginal products (such as antifungal products) as this may alter progesterone release and absorption from the vaginal insert [see *Drug Interactions (7)*].

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

6.1 Clinical Studies 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 rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

The safety data reflect exposure to Endometrin in 808 infertile women (74.9% White, 10.3% Hispanic, 5.4% Black, 5% Asian, and 4.6% Other) in a single Assisted Reproductive Technology 10 week clinical study conducted in the U.S. Endometrin was studied at doses of 100 mg twice daily and 100 mg three times daily. The adverse reactions that occurred at a rate greater than or equal to 2% in either Endometrin group are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Number and Frequency of Reported Adverse Reactions in Women Treated with Endometrin in an Assisted Reproductive Technology Study

Body System	Endometrin 100 mg twice daily (N=404)	Endometrin 100 mg three times daily (N=404)
Preferred Term		
Gastrointestinal Disorders		
Abdominal pain	50 (12%)	50 (12%)
Nausea	32 (8%)	29 (7%)
Abdominal distension	18 (4%)	17 (4%)
Constipation	9 (2%)	14 (3%)
Vomiting	13 (3%)	9 (2%)
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions		
Fatigue	7 (2%)	12 (3%)
Infections and Infestations		
Urinary tract infection	9 (2%)	4 (1%)
Injury, Poisoning and Procedural Complications		
Post-oocyte retrieval pain	115 (28%)	102 (25%)
Nervous System Disorders		
Headache	15 (4%)	13 (3%)
Reproductive System and Breast Disorders		
Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome	30 (7%)	27 (7%)
Uterine spasm	15 (4%)	11 (3%)
Vaginal bleeding	13 (3%)	14 (3%)



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Other less common reported adverse reactions included vaginal irritation, itching, burning, discomfort, urticaria, and peripheral edema.

6.2 Expected Adverse Reaction Profile Seen with Progesterone

Endometrin is also expected to have adverse reactions similar to other drugs containing progesterone that may include breast tenderness, bloating, mood swings, irritability, and drowsiness.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

No formal drug-drug interaction studies have been conducted for Endometrin. Drugs known to induce the hepatic cytochrome-P450-3A4 system (such as rifampin, carbamazepine) may increase the elimination of progesterone. The effect of concomitant vaginal products on the exposure of progesterone from Endometrin has not been assessed. Endometrin is not recommended for use with other vaginal products (such as antifungal products) as this may alter progesterone release and absorption from the vaginal insert [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Endometrin has been used to support embryo implantation and maintain clinical pregnancy in one clinical study. The livebirth outcomes of these pregnancies were as follows:

- Among the 404 subjects treated with Endometrin twice daily, 143 subjects had livebirths consisting of 85 singletons, 56 twins, and 2 triplets. In this treatment group, 13 subjects had a spontaneous abortion, 1 subject had an ectopic pregnancy, and 7 subjects reported fetal birth defects (3.4% based on 203 livebirths).
- Among the 404 subjects treated with Endometrin three times daily, 155 subjects had livebirths consisting of 91 singletons, 60 twins, and 4 triplets. In this treatment group, 22 subjects had a spontaneous abortion, 4 subjects had an ectopic pregnancy, and 7 subjects reported fetal birth defects (3.1% based on 223 livebirths).

Birth defects reported in the Endometrin twice daily group included: one fetus with a cleft palate and intrauterine growth retardation, one fetus with spina bifida, three fetuses with congenital heart defects, one fetus with an umbilical hernia, and one fetus with an intestinal anomaly.

Birth defects reported in the Endometrin three times daily group included: one fetus with an esophageal fistula, one fetus with hypospadias and an underdeveloped right ear, one fetus with Down's and an atrial septal defect, one fetus with congenital heart anomalies, one fetus with DiGeorge's syndrome, one fetus with a hand deformity, and one fetus with cleft palate.

For additional information on the pharmacology of Endometrin and pregnancy outcome information [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12)* and *Clinical Studies Sections (14)*].

8.2 Nursing Mothers

Detectable amounts of progesterone have been identified in the milk of nursing mothers. The effect of this on the nursing infant has not been determined.

8.3 Pediatric Use

This drug is not intended for pediatric use and no clinical data have been collected in children. Therefore, the safety and effectiveness of Endometrin in pediatric patients have not been established.

8.4 Geriatric Use

No clinical data have been collected in patients over age 65.

10 OVERDOSAGE

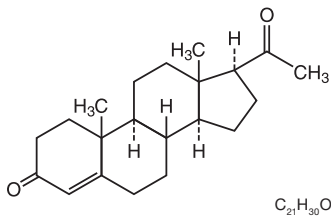
Treatment of overdose consists of discontinuation of Endometrin together with institution of appropriate symptomatic and supportive care.

11 DESCRIPTION

Endometrin (progesterone) Vaginal Insert contains micronized progesterone. Endometrin is supplied with polyethylene vaginal applicators.

The active ingredient, progesterone, is present in 100 mg amount along with other excipients. The chemical name for progesterone is pregn-4-ene-3,20-dione. It has an empirical formula of C₂₁H₃₀O₂ and a molecular weight of 314.5. Progesterone exists in two polymorphic forms. The form used in Endometrin, the alpha-form, has a melting point of 127-131°C.

The structural formula is:



Each Endometrin Vaginal Insert delivers 100 mg of progesterone in a base containing lactose monohydrate, polyvinylpyrrolidone, adipic acid, sodium bicarbonate, sodium lauryl sulfate, magnesium stearate, pregelatinized starch, and colloidal silicon dioxide.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Progesterone is a naturally occurring steroid that is secreted by the ovary, placenta, and adrenal gland. In the presence of adequate estrogen, progesterone transforms a proliferative endometrium into a secretory endometrium. Progesterone is necessary to increase endometrial receptivity for implantation of an embryo. Once an embryo is implanted, progesterone acts to maintain a pregnancy.

12.2 Pharmacokinetics

Absorption

Progesterone serum concentrations increased following the administration of the Endometrin Vaginal Insert in 12 healthy pre-menopausal females. On single dosing, the mean C_{max} was 17.0 ng/mL in the Endometrin twice daily group and 19.8 ng/mL in the Endometrin three times daily group. On multiple dosing, steady-state concentrations were attained within approximately 1 day after initiation of treatment with Endometrin. Both Endometrin regimens provided average serum concentrations of progesterone exceeding 10 ng/mL on Day 5. The pharmacokinetic results are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Mean (±Standard Deviation) Serum Progesterone Pharmacokinetic Parameters

Pharmacokinetic Parameter (unit)	Endometrin 100 mg twice daily (N=6)	Endometrin 100 mg three times daily (N=6)
Single Dosing		
C _{max} (ng/mL)	17.0 ± 6.5	19.8 ± 7.2
T _{max} (hr)	24.0 ± 0.0	17.3 ± 7.4
AUC ₀₋₂₄ (ng•hr/mL)	217 ± 113	284 ± 143
Day 5 of Multiple Dosing		
C _{max} (ng/mL)	18.5 ± 5.5	24.1 ± 5.6
T _{max} (hr)	18.0 ± 9.4	18.0 ± 9.4
C _{min} (ng/mL)	8.9 ± 4.5	10.9 ± 6.7
C _{avg} (ng/mL)	14.0 ± 4.8	15.9 ± 4.3
AUC ₀₋₂₄ (ng•hr/mL)	327 ± 127	436 ± 106

C_{max} Maximum progesterone serum concentration.

T_{max} Time to maximum progesterone serum concentration.

C_{avg} Average progesterone serum concentration.

AUC₀₋₂₄ Area under the drug concentration versus time curve from 0-24 hours post dose.

C_{min} Minimum progesterone serum concentration.

Distribution

Progesterone is approximately 96% to 99% bound to serum proteins, primarily to serum albumin and corticosteroid binding globulin.

Metabolism

Progesterone is metabolized primarily by the liver largely to pregnanediols and pregnanolonones. Pregnanediols and pregnanolonones are conjugated in the liver to glucuronide and sulfate metabolites. Progesterone metabolites that are excreted in the bile may be deconjugated and may be further metabolized in the gut via reduction, dehydroxylation, and epimerization.

Excretion

Progesterone undergoes renal and biliary elimination. Following injection of labeled progesterone, 50-60% of the excretion of metabolites occurs via the kidney; approximately 10% occurs via the bile and feces. Overall recovery of the labeled material accounts for 70% of an administered dose. Only a small portion of unchanged progesterone is excreted in the bile.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Nonclinical toxicity studies to determine the potential of Endometrin to cause carcinogenicity or mutagenicity have not been performed. The effect of Endometrin on fertility has not been evaluated in animals.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Luteal Supplementation During Assisted Reproductive Treatment Study

A randomized, open-label, active-controlled study evaluated the efficacy of 10 weeks of treatment with two different daily dosing regimens of Endometrin (100 mg twice daily and 100 mg three times daily) for support of implantation and early pregnancy in infertile women participating in an Assisted Reproductive Technology treatment program. Efficacy was assessed on the endpoint of ongoing pregnancies, defined as the presence of at least one fetal heartbeat seen on ultrasound at 6 weeks post-embryo transfer. The study randomized to Endometrin 808 infertile women (74.9% White; 10.3% Hispanic, 5.4% Black, 5% Asian, and 4.6% Other) between 19 and 42 years of age (mean age 33) who had a body mass index <34 kg/m² at screening.

The ongoing pregnancy rates for subjects treated with both dosing regimens of Endometrin were non-inferior (lower bounds of the 95% confidence interval of the difference between Endometrin and the active comparator excluded a difference greater than 10%) to the ongoing pregnancy rate for subjects treated with the active comparator. The results of this study are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Ongoing Pregnancy Rates* in Patients Receiving Endometrin for Luteal Supplementation and Early Pregnancy While in an Assisted Reproductive Technology Treatment Program

	Endometrin 100 mg twice daily	Endometrin 100 mg three times daily
Number of subjects	404	404
Ongoing pregnancy: n (%)	156 (39%)	171 (42%)
95% Confidence Interval of pregnancy rate	[33.8,43.6]	[37.5,47.3]
Pregnancy rate percentage difference between Endometrin and comparator	-3.6%	0.1%
95% Confidence Interval for difference vs comparator	[-10.3, 3.2]	[-6.7, 6.9]

*Ongoing pregnancy defined as the presence of at least one fetal heartbeat seen on ultrasound at 6 weeks post-embryo transfer.

Subjects participating in the study were stratified at randomization by age and ovarian reserve (as measured by serum FSH levels). The ongoing pregnancy rates for these subgroups are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Ongoing Pregnancy Rates in Age- and Ovarian Reserve-Defined Subgroups Receiving Endometrin for Luteal Supplementation and Early Pregnancy While in an Assisted Reproductive Technology Treatment Program

	Endometrin 100 mg twice daily	Endometrin 100 mg three times daily
Subjects age <35 years (N)	247	247
Ongoing pregnancy: n (%)	111 (45%)	117 (47%)
Pregnancy rate percentage difference between Endometrin and comparator	0.5%	2.9%
95% Confidence Interval for difference vs. comparator	[-8.3, 9.3]	[-5.9, 11.7]
Subjects 35-42 years of age (N)	157	157
Ongoing pregnancy: n (%)	45 (28%)	54 (34%)
Pregnancy rate percentage difference between Endometrin and comparator	-10.1%	-4.4%
95% Confidence Interval for difference vs. comparator	[-20.3, 0.3]	[-14.9, 6.3]
Subjects with FSH <10 IU/L (N)	350	347
Ongoing pregnancy: n (%)	140 (40%)	150 (43%)
Pregnancy rate percentage difference between Endometrin and comparator	-2.0%	1.2%
95% Confidence Interval for difference vs. comparator	[-9.3, 5.3]	[-6.1, 8.5]
Subjects with FSH between 10 and 15 IU/L (N)	46	51
Ongoing pregnancy: n (%)	16 (35 %)	20 (39%)
Pregnancy rate percentage difference between Endometrin and comparator	-12.2%	-7.7%
95% Confidence Interval for difference vs. comparator	[-31.0, 7.7]	[-26.6, 11.6]

In subjects under the age of 35 or with serum FSH levels less than 10 IU/L, results from both dosing regimens were non-inferior to the results from the comparator with respect to ongoing pregnancy rates. In women age 35 and older and in women with serum FSH levels between 10 and 15 IU/L, the results with respect to ongoing pregnancy rates for both dosing regimens of Endometrin did not reach the criteria for non-inferiority.

Subjects who became pregnant received study medication for a total of 10 weeks. Patients over 34 kg/m² were not studied. The efficacy of Endometrin in this patient group is unknown.

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

Each Endometrin Vaginal Insert is a white to off-white oblong-shaped insert debossed with "FPI" on one side and "100" on the other side. Each Endometrin® (progesterone) Vaginal Insert, 100 mg, is packed individually in a sealed foil pouch. These pouches are available in cartons packed:

- 21 vaginal inserts with 21 disposable vaginal applicators (NDC 55566-6500-3)

Store at 20°- 25°C (68°- 77°F); excursions permitted between 15°- 30°C (59°- 86°F).