Emerres 1.5 mg Tablets

Levonorgestrel

Emerres is commonly known as 'the morning after pill'. It is used to reduce the chances of becoming pregnant after unprotected sex or failure of a contraceptive method.

Emerres contains the active ingredient levonorgestrel, which is a synthetic derivative of the naturally occurring female sex hormone and it is not fully understood how this medicine prevents pregnancy. It is thought to work by preventing ovulation and fertilisation and also by altering the lining of the womb, depending on which stage of the menstrual cycle the woman is at.

Emerres is not indicated for use before the first menstrual bleeding (menarche).

It is estimated that 84 per cent of pregnancies will be prevented if this morning-after pill is taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex. The tablet is more effective at preventing ovulation and fertilisation and also by altering the lining of the womb, depending on which stage of the menstrual cycle the woman is at.

You may already be pregnant if:
- your period is more than 5 days late, or you have experienced unusual bleeding when your next period is due.
- you have had unprotected sex more than 72 hours ago, and since your last period.

The use of Emerres is not advised if:
- you have a disease of your small bowel (such as Crohn's disease) that inhibits the absorption of the drug.
- you have severe liver problems.
- you have a history of ectopic pregnancy (where the baby develops somewhere outside the womb).
- you have a history of salpingitis (inflammation of the Fallopian tubes).

Emerres may also affect how well other medicines work:
- a medicine called cyclosporin (suppresses the immune system).

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility
If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Pregnancy
You should not take this medicine if you are already pregnant. If you do become pregnant even after taking this medicine, it is important that you see your doctor. There is no evidence that Emerres will harm a baby that develops in your uterus/womb if you use Emerres as described.

Nevertheless, your doctor may want to check that the pregnancy is not ectopic (where the baby develops somewhere outside the womb). This is especially important if you develop severe abdominal pain after taking Emerres or if you have previously had an ectopic pregnancy, Fallopian tube surgery or pelvic inflammatory disease.

Breast-feeding
Very small amounts of the active ingredient of this medicine may appear in your breast milk. This is not thought to be harmful to the baby. If you are worried you can take your...
Take the tablet as soon as possible, preferably within 12 hours. If you are sick, read the section "What to do if you are sick (vomit)". Once you have taken this medicine, talk to a pharmacist or doctor if you are still sick or have any other symptoms.

If you are using one of the medicines that may prevent Emerres from working properly (see section above "Other medicines and Emerres"), or if you have used one of these medicines in the past 4 weeks, Emerres may work less effectively for you. Your doctor may prescribe another type of (non-hormonal) emergency contraception, i.e. a copper intrauterine device (Cu-IUD). If this is not an option for you or if you are unable to see your doctor promptly, you can take a double dose of Emerres (i.e. 2 tablets taken at the same time).

If you are already using a regular method of contraception such as the contraceptive pill, you can continue to take this at your regular times.

If another unprotected intercourse takes place after the use of Emerres (also if this is during the same menstrual cycle), the tablet will not exert its contraceptive effect and there is again the risk of pregnancy.

What to do if you are sick (vomit)
If you are sick (vomit) within three hours of taking the tablet, you should immediately take another tablet.

Once you have taken this medicine, talk to a pharmacist or doctor if you feel unwell or have any other symptoms.

If you take more Emerres than you should
Although there have been no reports of serious harmful effects from taking too many tablets at once, you may feel sick, actually be sick (vomit), or have vaginal bleeding. You should ask your pharmacist, doctor, or family planning clinic for advice, especially if you have been sick, as the tablet may not have worked properly.

If another unprotected intercourse takes place after the use of Emerres (i.e. 2 tablets taken at the same time), or if you are still sick (vomit), you may feel unwell or have any other symptoms.

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