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Dear Healthcare Professional,

Pfizer New Zealand Limited have an out of stock situation for **NORIMIN® 28 Day tablets** (ethinylloestradiol 35mcg with norethisterone 500mcg).

Link Healthcare Limited are supplying **Necon®** (ethinylloestradiol 35mcg with norethisterone 500mcg) tablets as a temporary alternative.

**Necon®** has been provisionally approved by Medsafe for use in New Zealand during the out of stock period.

**Necon®** contains the same active ingredients in the same strength as Pfizer's **NORIMIN® 28 Day tablets**, (ethinylloestradiol 35mcg with norethisterone 500mcg). Please refer to the **NORIMIN® 28 Day tablets** Data Sheet for details. The data sheet and consumer information is available at [www.medsafe.govt.nz](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz)

Healthcare professionals are being advised to discuss with patients how to maintain effective contraception whilst switching between **NORIMIN® 28** and **Necon®** including using the 7-day rule due to possible bioequivalence differences between the two brands.

PHARMAC have listed **Necon®** fully subsidised on the Pharmaceutical schedule and it will be available for distribution from today.

Please contact your wholesaler or Link Healthcare for further information on the availability of **Necon®**.

Further information for patients, prescribers and pharmacists can be found on the PHARMAC website.

<https://www.pharmac.govt.nz/information-for/enquiries/oral-contraceptives-supply-updates/ethinylloestradiol-35mcg-with-norethisterone-500mcg-norimin/>



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