Your medicine is available using the above name but will be referred to as Implanon NXT throughout this leaflet.

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information about your treatment from your doctor.

1. What is Implanon NXT and what is it used for?

1.1 Implanon NXT is a contraceptive implant available for women 18-40 years of age for the prevention of pregnancy. It is a thin, flexible plastic rod, 4cm in length and 2mm in diameter, which contains 68 milligrams of the active substance, etonogestrel. The implant is inserted deeply into the skin, just under the skin of your upper arm.

1.2 Implanon NXT is a form of long-acting reversible contraception, and is therefore sometimes referred to as a "condom" and "pill alternative".

1.3 Implanon NXT can provide contraception for up to 3 years. It is inserted at your doctor’s office or clinic. Implantation is painless.

1.4 Implantation is a quick and efficient method of contraception. It is safe and approved by national and international health authorities.

1.5 Implanon NXT is sometimes referred to as an "intra-dermal implant". To prevent pregnancy you must not remove, damage or allow it to fall out.

1.6 If the implant cannot be palpated immediately after the old implant is removed, your healthcare professional may re-insert the implant immediately after locating the implant that was not palpable, your healthcare professional may re-insert the implant. Your healthcare professional is likely to have a local anaesthetic injection and may use x-ray or other imaging methods to locate the implant.

2. How do you use Implanon NXT?

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6.2 HOW SHOULD IMPLANON NXT BE REMOVED

The implant should only be removed by a qualified healthcare professional who is familiar with the procedure. You may be given a local block with some sedation.

The implant is removed at your request or – at the latest – three years after insertion. Implant removal should be performed by a healthcare professional who is familiar with the procedure. If the implant has already been inserted for more than three years, the implant should be removed immediately.

The implant should not be removed before the healthcare professional has confirmed that the implant is still in its active position.

The implant will be removed by a healthcare professional who is familiar with the procedure. The implant must be delivered to a notified body within 7 days of removal. Implant removal should be performed by a healthcare professional who is familiar with the procedure. If the implant has already been inserted for more than three years, the implant should be removed immediately.

The implant is gently pushed towards the incision and removed with forceps.

A small incision will be made along the arm just below the tip of the implant.

Occasionally, the implant may be surrounded by hard tissue. If this is the case, a small cut may be made into the tissue before the implant can be removed. For this reason, a healthcare professional will be present during the procedure.

The implant should be removed together with the surrounding scar tissue. If it is not possible to remove the implant completely, it must be removed from the woman as soon as possible.

The implant should be removed as soon as possible after it has been inserted. If the implant is not removed as soon as possible, it may cause discomfort and pain.

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