

Desogestrel (Cerazette[®])

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Organon Laboratories
Summary of Recommendation

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The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) has completed its assessment of the above product and advises NHS Boards and ADTCs on its use in NHS Scotland. The recommendation is summarised as follows:

ADVICE

Recommended for restricted use within NHS Scotland.

RECOMMENDATION

Desogestrel is now available as a progestogen-only contraceptive pill (POP), which has been shown to inhibit ovulation to a substantially greater extent than other POPs. Its use should be restricted to those individuals who cannot tolerate oestrogen containing contraceptives or in whom those preparations are contraindicated.

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