

Product Update:

**ethinylestradiol 20microgram / desogestrel 150microgram
(Gedarel[®] 20/150 microgram) film-coated tablets**

**ethinylestradiol 30microgram / desogestrel 150microgram
(Gedarel[®] 30/150 microgram) film-coated tablets**

(No: 643/10)

Consilient Health Limited

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

ADVICE: following an abbreviated submission

ethinylestradiol 20microgram/desogestrel 150microgram and ethinylestradiol 30microgram/desogestrel 150microgram (Gedarel[®]) is accepted for use within NHS Scotland.

Indication under review: oral contraception.

For patients in whom ethinylestradiol /desogestrel is an appropriate contraceptive, Gedarel[®] provides an alternative to existing preparations at lower cost.

Advice context:

No part of this advice may be used without the whole of the advice being quoted in full.

This advice represents the view of the Scottish Medicines Consortium and was arrived at after evaluation of the evidence submitted by the company. It is provided to inform the considerations of Area Drug & Therapeutics Committees and NHS Boards in Scotland in determining medicines for local use or local formulary inclusion. This advice does not override the individual responsibility of health professionals to make decisions in the exercise of their clinical judgement in the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer.

This assessment is based on data submitted by the applicant company up to and including 14 July 2010.

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