

## HRT - The different ingredients, brands and strengths available

The following table is designed to help explain the different types of HRT available, including ingredients, brands and dosage, so that you can better understand the options available to you if your own particular brand or type of HRT is unavailable.

Women taking estrogen by way of a tablet, including combination tablets, should consider changing to either an estrogen only patch or estrogen gel, combined with either Utrogestan or the Mirena coil, (although it is noted that this can be difficult for women in Scotland who are sometimes unable to obtain Utrogestan), as these tablets pose a small risk of clot.

| Ingredient (s)  | Brand        | Strength                     |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|
| ESTROGEN ONLY TABLETS   |              |                              |
| Estradiol (body identical)  | Elleste Solo | 1mg / 2mg                    |
|   | Zumenon      | 1mg / 2mg                    |
| Conjugated estrogen (from pregnant mares' urine)                      | Premarin     | 300mcg / 625mcg /<br>1.25 mg |
| Notes:  1. 1mg estrogen only tablet is roughly equal to 2-3 sprays of |              |                              |

| Lenzetto 2. Img estrogen only tablet is roughly equal to 2 pumps of Oestrogel 3. Img estrogen only tablet is roughly equal to 50mcg patch 4. Img estrogen only tablet is roughly equal to 1 sachet of Img Sandrena gel 5. Estrogen patches, gel or spray are usually preferred over tablets as tablets have a small risk of clot 6. Estrogen only tablets can be used with either Utrogestan progesterone tablets or Mirena IUS, (see below) for women who still have a womb |           |  |
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| ESTROGEN ONLY PATCHES  |           |  |
| Estradiol (body identical)   | Evorel    | 25mcg / 50mcg /<br>75mcg / 100mcg              |
|  | Estradot  | 25mcg / 37.5mcg /<br>50mcg / 75mcg /<br>100mcg |
|  | Estraderm | 25mcg / 50mcg /<br>75mcg / 100mcg              |

|  | FemSeven Mono   | 50mcg / 75mcg /<br>100mcg |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|
|  | Elleste Solo MX | 40mcg / 80mcg             |
|  | Progynova       | 50mcg / 100mcg            |
| Notes: 1. One 50mcg patch is roughly equal to 2–3 sprays of Lenzetto 2. One 50mcg patch is roughly equal to 2 pumps of Oestrogel 3. One 50mcg patch is roughly equal to 1mg estrogen only tablet 4. One 50mcg patch is roughly equal to 1 sachet of 1mg Sandrena gel 5. Estrogen patches, gel or spray are usually preferred over tablets as tablets have a small risk of clot 6. Estrogen only patches can be used with either Utrogestan progesterone tablets or Mirena IUS, (see below) for women who still have a womb |                 |                           |

| ESTROGEN ONLY GEL   |           |             |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| Estradiol (body identical)  | Oestrogel | 0.75mg      |
|   | Sandrena  | 0.5mg / 1mg |
| Notes: 1. Two pumps of Oestrogel is roughly equal to 2–3 sprays of Lenzetto 2. Two pumps of Oestrogel is roughly equal to 50mcg patch 3. Two pumps of Oestrogel is roughly equal to 1mg estrogen only tablet 4. Two pumps of Oestrogel is roughly equal to 1 sachet of 1mg Sandrena gel 5. Estrogen patches, gel or spray are usually preferred over tablets as tablets have a small risk of clot 6. Estrogen only gel can be used with either Utrogestan progesterone tablets or Mirena IUS, (see below) for women who still have a womb |           |             |

| ESTROGEN ONLY SPRAY   |          |        |
|---|----------|--------|
| Estradiol (body identical)  | Lenzetto | 1.53mg |
| Notes:  1. 1–2 sprays of Lenzetto is roughly equal to 1 pump of Oestrogel 2. 1–2 sprays of Lenzetto is roughly equal to 25mcg patch 3. 1–2 sprays of Lenzetto is roughly equal to 0.5mg estrogen only tablet 4. 1–2 sprays of Lenzetto is roughly equal to 0.5mg Sandrena gel 5. Estrogen patches, gel or spray are usually preferred over tablets as tablets have a small risk of clot 6. Estrogen only spray can be used with either Utrogestan progesterone tablets or Mirena IUS, (see below) for women who still have a womb |          |        |
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| PROGESTERONE ONLY TABLETS  |            |             |
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| Progesterone (body identical)  | Utrogestan | 100mg       |
| Notes:   |            |             |
| 1. Utrogestan is the only body identical progesterone and can be used with estrogen only patches or gel, by women who still have a womb                                  |            |             |
| INTRAUTERINE DEVICE (IUS or coil)  |            |             |
| Levonorgestrel   | Mirena     | 20mcg/24hrs |
| Notes:  1. Mirena is a low dose, synthetic alternative to progesterone and can be used with estrogen only patches, gel, spray or tablets, by women who still have a womb |            |             |

| COMBINATION TABLETS (estrogen/synthetic progestogen) |                        |                          |
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| Estradiol hemihydrate + norethisterone acetate       | Elleste Duet<br>Conti  | 2mg+1mg                  |
|  | Kliofem                | 2mg+1mg                  |
|  | Kliovance              | 1mg+500mcg               |
| Estradiol hemihydrate + dydrogesterone               | Femoston Conti         | 0.5mg+2.5mg /<br>1mg+5mg |
| Estradiol valerate + medroxyprogesterone             | Indivina               | 1mg+2mg / 2.5mg+5<br>mg  |
| low dose conjugated oestrogen + medroxyprogesterone  | Premique               | 300mcg+1.5mg             |
| Estradiol hemihydrate + norethisterone acetate       | Novofem                | 1mg+1mg                  |
| Estradiol valerate + medroxyprogesterone acetate     | Tridestra              | 2mg+20mg                 |
| Estradiol hemihydrate + norethisterone acetate       | Trisequens             | 2mg+1mg                  |
| Estradiol hemihydrate + dydrogesterone               | Femoston<br>(cyclical) | 1mg+10mg /<br>2mg+10mg   |

| COMBINATION TABLETS  |  |                             |
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| Tibolone 2.5mg   | Livial tablets                         | Tibolone 2.5mg              |
| COMBINATION PATCHES (estrogen/synthetic progestogen)                           |  |                             |
| Estradiol hemihydrate + norethisterone acetate                                 | Evorel Conti                           | 3.2mg+11.2mg                |
| Estradiol hemihydrate + levonorgestrel   | FemSeven Contl                         | 1.5mg+0.525mg               |
| a) Estradiol hemihydrate and b) estradiol hemihydrate + norethisterone acetate | Evorel Sequi<br>combination<br>patch   | a) 3.2mg b)<br>3.2mg+11.2mg |
| a) 1.5mg of estradiol hemihydrate b) Estradiol hemihydrate<br>+ levonorgestrel | FemSeven Sequi<br>combination<br>patch | a) 1.5mg b)<br>1.5mg+1.5mg  |