



This leaflet is for patients prescribed IMPLANON NXT. The information in this leaflet may help answer some of your questions about IMPLANON NXT. For further information on IMPLANON NXT, consult the Consumer Medicine Information leaflet and speak to your doctor or nurse.

What is IMPLANON NXT?

IMPLANON NXT prevents pregnancy by slowly releasing a small amount of hormone into your body. It is like one of the hormones found in 'the Pill'. It lasts for up to 3 years and can be removed at any time by your doctor or nurse.

How effective is IMPLANON NXT?

IMPLANON NXT is more than 99.9% effective at preventing pregnancy. This makes it one of the most effective contraceptives. No contraceptive is 100% effective.

What are the advantages of IMPLANON NXT?

- Prevents unplanned pregnancies.
- Effective for up to 3 years.
- You don't have to take it every day.
- Doesn't interfere with sex.
- Can be removed any time.
- Does not affect your future fertility.
- It may be used if you are breastfeeding.

What are the disadvantages of IMPLANON NXT?

- Women using IMPLANON NXT will notice that their periods may change:
 - some will have no bleeding
 - some will have lighter bleeding
 - some will have longer periods or bleed more often
- Some women may have side effects such as headaches, acne, breast pain, weight gain and mood swings.
- Some medicines may interfere with the way IMPLANON NXT works. You should always tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist about other medicines you are taking.
- IMPLANON NXT does not protect women from sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS – only condoms can provide this protection.

Speak to your doctor or nurse if you have any concerns.

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Who should not use IMPLANON NXT?

IMPLANON NXT might not be suitable for women who:

- might be pregnant
- have severe liver disease
- have unusual vaginal bleeding
- are taking certain other medicines (this should be discussed with your doctor)
- have blood clots
- have some types of cancer

Speak to your doctor or nurse if you have any concerns.

How is IMPLANON NXT placed?

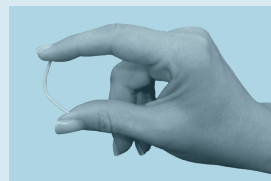
This is usually a short procedure. The doctor or nurse will:

1. Use a local anaesthetic to numb the skin on your arm.
2. Place the rod just under the skin and then show you how to gently feel it.
3. Put a bandage on your arm. You should leave it there for 24 hours to reduce the risk of bruising.

Some women find that the skin where the rod was placed may itch a little for a few days.

Although you should be able to gently feel the rod, it is important you do not play with it.

The implant is a small, flexible plastic rod that is placed just under the skin, in the middle of the upper arm.



How is IMPLANON NXT removed?

This is usually a short procedure. The doctor or nurse will:

1. Use a local anaesthetic to numb the skin on your arm.
2. Make a small cut near the rod and then take it out. This may leave a small scar.
3. Put a bandage on your arm. You should leave it there for 24 hours to reduce the risk of bruising.