

NZ Direct to Consumer

MIRENA® (levonorgestrel)

MIRENA® is an intrauterine system containing 52 mg levonorgestrel, which is slowly released over 5 years at an initial rate of 20 mcg/24 hours. MIRENA is a **Prescription Medicine** for contraception. MIRENA is also a treatment for unexplained heavy menstrual bleeding where no underlying pathology causing excessive bleeding can be found and provides protection of the lining of the womb when oestrogen therapy is prescribed for menopausal symptoms. MIRENA must not be used during pregnancy, if there is any sign of pelvic or genital tract infection, inflammation or cancer, if there is womb or cervical abnormality, undiagnosed abnormal bleeding, active liver disease or if you are allergic to any ingredients in MIRENA. MIRENA should be inserted by a doctor who has been trained in the insertion technique. Removal of MIRENA is recommended if the following medical conditions occur: an increased susceptibility to infections, acute infection not responding to treatment, migraine or severe headache, jaundice, increased blood pressure, hormone-sensitive cancer, stroke, severe heart or blood vessel disease. MIRENA must be removed if pregnancy (which might be outside the womb) or puncture of the womb is suspected. Usual fertility returns after the removal of MIRENA. The pattern of side effects, which are more common in the first months of use, should be explained to you. Commonly reported side effects include changes to menstrual patterns, abdominal, breast or back pain, nausea, acne, mood or weight changes, decreased libido, excessive hair growth and benign ovarian cysts. The possibility of rare side effects such as device expulsion, potential blood clots, puncture of the womb or pregnancy outside the womb should be discussed with your doctor, pharmacist or health professional. If symptoms persist or you have side effects, see your doctor for advice. MIRENA is a fully funded medicine for patients who meet the Heavy Menstrual Bleeding Criteria – normal Doctor's visit fees and/or insertion fee may apply. MIRENA is an unfunded medicine for contraception – a pharmacy charge and normal Doctor's visit fees apply. MIRENA has both risks and benefits. Use only as directed. Consult your doctor to see if MIRENA is right for you. For more information, read the Consumer Medicine Information available at www.medsafe.govt.nz. Bayer New Zealand Limited, 3 Argus Place, Hillcrest, Auckland 0627. Phone 0800 233 988.