

Information leaflet for patients prescribed Blissel®

Blissel® is a medicated gel that your doctor has prescribed to help you with some of the vaginal symptoms of the menopause.

As you may be aware, during the menopause, levels of a hormone called oestrogen fall, leading to possible changes in the lining of the vagina (known as vaginal atrophy or VA).

You are not alone!

About half of all postmenopausal women will have symptoms from vaginal atrophy, which can include burning, irritation, dryness or pain and discomfort during sexual intercourse.



- Blissel® contains oestrogen to provide rapid relief from the symptoms of vaginal atrophy. Blissel® is a very low dose of the hormone and it is absorbed into the vaginal lining and not into your blood stream.
- Blissel® is a gel (not a cream) that remains where it is applied on the lining of the vagina, meaning that it should not leak after application, and you can be confident that the medicine is doing its job. Blissel® has a "cooling effect" which you should feel after a few doses.
 - During your treatment with Blissel®, your doctor will continue to review your symptoms to make sure that you should still take the medication.



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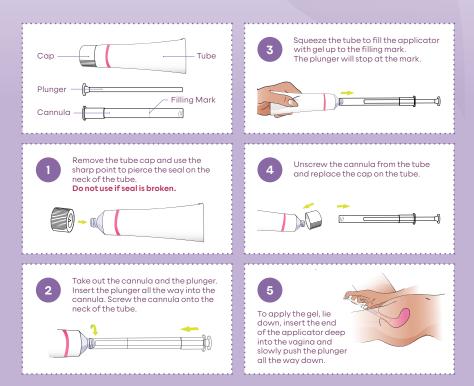
Blissel® is inserted gently into the vagina with an applicator, which has rounded edges at the top to be as comfortable as possible, ensuring the medication is applied where it is needed. You can usually apply Blissel® in the evening before you go to bed.

Please don't forget to rinse out the applicator after use with warm water. It is designed for repeated use.





How to use and apply Blissel®



For more information, please read the package leaflet which is contained in the box that your medication came in.

Blissel® can rarely have side effects, such as itching or discomfort. It is important to let your doctor, nurse or pharmacist know if you think you have any side effects from this medication.



You must stop taking Blissel® and talk to your doctor if you experience any of the following:

- > Yellowing of your skin or eyes
- > A significant increase in your blood pressure
- > A new migraine-like headache
- > If you become pregnant

If you have any side effects, please discuss them with your doctor, nurse or pharmacist. This includes side effects that are not listed in the package leaflet. Adverse events should be reported. Reporting forms and information can be found at http://www.hpra.ie/homepage/medicines/safety-information/reporting-suspected-side-effects. Adverse events should also be reported to Consilient Health (Ireland) Ltd, Block 2A Richview Office Park, Clonskeagh, Dublin 14, D14 Y045 or drugsafety@consilienthealth.com



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