

PROGESTERONE

COMMON USES: This medication is a hormone that is found naturally in the body. It is used to treat hormone deficiencies in women, some of which are: treating menstrual periods, aiding in conception, maintaining pregnancy, and other conditions as determined by your doctor.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICATION: This medicine may be administered as a gel or cream applied to the skin, an oral capsule, injectable, or other dosage forms compounded at Bedford Pharmacy. Follow the directions for using this medicine provided by your doctor and pharmacist.

CAUTIONS: You may experience absence of menstrual periods while using this medicine. If you experience irregular menstrual periods, contact your prescriber. If you have diabetes mellitus, this product may worsen blood sugar control. Check with your prescriber before adjusting the dose of your diabetes medicine or change your diet. **BEFORE YOU BEGIN TAKING ANY NEW MEDICINE**, either prescription or over-the-counter, check with your prescriber or pharmacist.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS: If you are using a formulation that is applied to the skin you may experience itching, discomfort, or irritation. If they continue or are bothersome, check with your doctor. Additionally you may experience nausea, breast tenderness, headache, acne, or skin discoloration. These side effects may go away during treatment. If they continue or are bothersome, check with your doctor. **CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** if you experience sudden or severe headache, sudden loss of coordination, sudden loss of vision or change in vision, chest pain, weakness, numbness, or pain in an arm or leg, shortness of breath or slurred speech. If you notice other effects not listed above contact your doctor.

MISSED DOSES: If you are taking this medication on a regular basis and miss a scheduled dose, take it as soon as you remember. However, do not double up doses.

The information in this monograph is not intended to cover all possible uses, directions, precautions, drug interactions, or adverse effects. The information is generalized and is not intended as specific medical advice. If you have questions about the drugs you are taking, check with your prescriber or pharmacist.