

# Kyleena

(levonorgestrel)



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# Introduction

- **Brand name:** Kyleena
- **Generic name:** Levonorgestrel
- **Pharmacological class:** Progestin IUD
- **Strength and Formulation:** Levonorgestrel 19.5mg; intrauterine system
- **Manufacturer:** Bayer Healthcare
- **How supplied:** System—1
- **Legal Classification:** Rx

# KYLEENA



# Indications

- Prevention of pregnancy for up to 5 years

# Dosage & Administration

- See full labeling
- Insert into uterine cavity as directed
- Reexamine and evaluate 4–6 weeks after insertion; then yearly or more if needed
- Remove or replace after 5 years

# Considerations for Special Populations

- **Pregnancy:** See Contraindications
- **Nursing mothers:** Consider benefits and adverse effects
- **Pediatric:** Pre-menarche: not recommended
- **Elderly:** Women aged >65 years: not indicated

# Contraindications

- Pregnancy
- Post-coital contraception
- Congenital or acquired uterine anomaly including fibroids
- Acute or history of pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) unless there has been a subsequent intrauterine pregnancy
- Postpartum endometritis or infected abortion in past 3 months
- Uterine or cervical neoplasia

# Contraindications

- Breast or other progestin-sensitive cancer
- Uterine bleeding of unknown etiology
- Untreated acute cervicitis or vaginitis
- Active liver disease or tumor
- Conditions associated with increased susceptibility to pelvic infections
- Retained IUD

# Warnings/Precautions

- Evaluate for ectopic pregnancy
- Risk of spontaneous abortion, miscarriage, sepsis, premature labor or delivery, congenital anomalies: **remove if pregnant**
- Consider risks of PID before using
- Remove if **endometritis** or **PID** recurs or if acute pelvic infection is severe or unresponsive to treatment

# Warnings/Precautions

- **Bleeding pattern alterations:** exclude endometrial pathology prior to insertion in women with persistent or uncharacteristic bleeding
- Risk of perforation, expulsion, and ovarian cysts
- Increased risk of perforation in **lactating women** and women with fixed retroverted or not completely involuted uteri or during postpartum period; delay insertion a minimum of 6 weeks, until involution is complete after delivery or second trimester abortion

# Warnings/Precautions

- **Consider removal** if coagulopathy, migraine, transient cerebral ischemia, severe headache, marked increase in BP, severe arterial disease, uterine/cervical malignancy, jaundice, or symptomatic actinomycosis occurs
- May be scanned with **MRI** under specific conditions

# Interactions

- Caution with **anticoagulants**; consider removal
- May be **antagonized** by CYP3A4 inducers
- May be **potentiated** by CYP3A4 inhibitors

# Adverse Reactions

- Vulvovaginitis
- Ovarian cyst
- Abdominal/pelvic pain
- Headache/migraine
- Acne/seborrhea
- Dysmenorrhea/uterine spasm
- Breast pain/breast discomfort
- Increased bleeding
- Ectopic pregnancy
- Intrauterine pregnancy
- Sepsis
- PID
- Perforation
- Expulsion

# Mechanism of Action

- Exact mechanism of continuously released levonorgestrel in contraceptive efficacy has not been conclusively demonstrated
- Studies have suggested several mechanisms that prevent pregnancy: thickening of cervical mucus to prevent passage of sperm into the uterus, inhibition of sperm capacitation or survival, and alteration of the endometrium

# Clinical Trial

- Kyleena was evaluated in a randomized, open-label, multi-center trial (n=1,452) for the efficacy in preventing pregnancy for 5 years
- Excluded women included: <6 weeks postpartum with a history of ectopic pregnancy, clinically significant ovarian cysts, or HIV or those at high risk for sexually transmitted infections

# Clinical Trial

- Primary efficacy endpoint was pregnancy rate, calculated as the Pearl Index (PI) in women aged 18–35 years
- PI based on 28-day equivalent exposure cycles
- Evaluable cycles excluded those in which back-up contraception was used unless pregnancy occurred in that cycle

# Clinical Trial

- Year 1 PI was based on 2 pregnancies and the cumulative 5-year pregnancy rate was based on 13 pregnancies that occurred after treatment onset and within 7 days of Kyleena removal/expulsion
- There was a total of 57,313 evaluable 28-day cycles of exposure over 5 years
- The cumulative 5-Year Kaplan Meier rate was **1.45** (95% CI: 0.82, 2.53)
- For more clinical trial data, see full labeling

# Kyleena Monograph

- For more information view the product monograph available at:

<http://www.empr.com/kyleena/drug/34634/>