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What is IMPLANON?

IMPLANON is a type of birth control for women. It is a flexible, plastic, rod-shaped contraceptive about the size of a matchstick that is put under the skin of your arm. IMPLANON contains a hormone called etonogestrel. You can use a single IMPLANON for up to three years. Because IMPLANON does not contain estrogen, your doctor may recommend IMPLANON even if you cannot use estrogen.

IMPLANON must be removed by the end of the third year and may be replaced with a new IMPLANON. It is not known if IMPLANON is as effective in very overweight women because studies did not include many overweight women.

Your healthcare provider will help you determine if IMPLANON is right for you. She will review the Patient Labeling with you, including the Patient Consent Form, to be sure you understand all of the potential risks and benefits of using IMPLANON. The information on this Web site does not take the place of a thorough discussion with your healthcare provider.

After you receive IMPLANON, check that it is in place by pressing your fingertips over the skin of your arm where IMPLANON was placed. You should be able to feel it. If IMPLANON is not placed properly, it may not prevent pregnancy or it may be difficult or impossible to remove.