

Athentia Next (levonorgestrel) basics

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Prevents pregnancy up to 72 hours after unprotected sex. Athentia Next (levonorgestrel) is effective at preventing pregnancy up to 72 hours after unprotected sex, but it will not stop a pregnancy that is already happening.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Athentia Next (levonorgestrel) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Nausea and vomiting†					
Headache 17% chance					
Dizziness 11% chance					
Breast pain†					
Menstrual changes†					
Abdominal pain†					
Tiredness†					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Athentia Next (levonorgestrel) is a single pill, so you only have to take 1 dose for it to work.
- You must take this within 72 hours (3 days) from the time you have unprotected sex or the method used fails.
- Tell your doctor right away if you vomit within 2 hours of taking it.
- You don't need a prescription to purchase Athentia Next (levonorgestrel), and there are no age restrictions to buy it.
- You should take a pregnancy test about a week after you take Athentia Next (levonorgestrel) because there is a 5 to 10 percent chance this may not work.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Lack of protection from sexually transmitted infections

Oral contraceptives, including emergency contraception, don't protect against sexually transmitted infections (STIs), like HIV. Barrier methods, such as condoms, must be used to help protect you. Please tell your doctor if you have had barrier-free sex and are worried about whether you might have gotten an STI.

Allergy alert

You should not use Athentia Next (levonorgestrel) if you know you are allergic to levonorgestrel. Talk to your doctor if you are allergic and need emergency contraception.