



HRT Treatment Options

Consider lifestyle first or in combination with treatment

HRT	Transdermal 1st Line	Transdermal 2 nd Line	ORAL 1 st Line	ORAL 2 nd Line
Sequential combined				
Indications:	Evorel Sequi		Elleste duet 1mg	Femoston 1/20
 Intact uterus 			Elleste duet 2mg	Femoston 2/10
 Perimenopause 				
<1yr since LMP				
 Still menstruating 				
 2 prescription charges 				
Continuous combined				
Indications:	Evorel Conti	Femseven Conti	Bijuve as 1 st line	Femoston Conti
 Intact uterus 			option	0.5/2.5
 >3yrs sequential 			'One at night'	Femoston Conti 1/5
combined				
 >1yr since LMP 				
>54 years				
 2 prescription charges 				
Oestrogen only				
Indications:	Evorel 25, 50, 75,	Estradot 25, 37.5,	Elleste Solo 1mg	
 Post hysterectomy 	100 patch	50, 75, 100 patch	Elleste Solo 2mg	
 IUS in situ and in date 				
 Uterus intact and taking 	Oestrogel 2-4 pump			
oral progesterone	applications daily			
	Lenzetto spray 1-3			
	pumps daily			

Topical vaginal oestrogen	Vagifem or Vagirux pessaries 10mcg	
For vaginal symptoms only	Estriol 0.1% Cream	
	One pessary or applicatorful daily for 2 weeks then twice weekly	
Progestogen adjunct to oestrogen if uterus intact	Mirena Levonorgestrel intrauterine system – 5 year use for endometrial protection (FSRH)	
	Utrogestan (bioidentical micronized progesterone)	
	200mg once daily at bedtime orally for days 15-26 of 28 day cycle,	
	OR 100mg daily at bedtime orally from days 1-25	
	Medroxyprogesterone 10mg daily orally for days 14-28 of each 28 day oestrogen HRT cycle	
	Medroxyprogesterone 5mg daily orally for continuous combined	

- First choice options based on evidence and cost effectiveness
- Consider Mirena Levonorgestrel-IUS or Utrogestan (bioidentical micronized progesterone) with the lowest effective transdermal oestrogen as the safest option

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