

New one-handed, reloadable 52mg levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system 10 November 2021

Benilexa[®] (Gedeon Richter) - a 52mg levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system (LNG-IUS) with a reloadable one-handed insertion device - is now available in the UK. Benilexa is licensed for 6 years of use for contraception. It is not licensed for endometrial protection as part of HRT.

The table below compares the product characteristics of LNG-IUS devices currently available in the UK, Benilexa[®], Levosert[®], Mirena[®], Kyleena[®] and Jaydess[®].

Type of LNG-IUS	Benilexa	Levosert	Mirena	Kyleena	Jaydess
Total LNG content (mg)	52	52	52	19.5	13.5
LNG release rate (mcg/24h)					
Initial	20.1	20.1	20	17.5	14
At end of licensed use	8.6	8.6	9	7.4	5
Frame size (W x H, mm)	32 x 32	32 x 32	32 x 32	28 x 30	28 x 30
Inserter	One handed inserter	Two handed inserter	One handed Evolnserter™	One handed Evolnserter™	One handed Evolnserter™
Insertion tube diameter (mm)	4.8	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.8
Silver ring for improved visibility on USS?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Colour of threads	Blue	Blue	Brown	Blue	Brown
Licensed duration of use for contraception (years)	6	6	5	5	3
Licensed for endometrial protection?	No	No	Yes	No	No
Licensed for heavy menstrual bleeding?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Minimum uterine cavity length (cm)	5.5	5.5	Not indicated in SPC	Not indicated in SPC	Not indicated in SPC
Unit cost (£)	71.00	66.00	88.00	76.00	69.22
Cost per year over period of licensed use (£/year)*	11.83	11.00	17.60	15.20	23.07

LNG-IUS: Levonogestrel-releasing intrauterine system; USS: Ultrasound scan; SPC: Summary of product characteristics II *prices checked on [BNF website](#) on 09/11/2021

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