

As part of the anaesthetic care for your operation, you have been given a medicine called sugammadex.

BRIDION® (sugammadex) is indicated for the reversal of rocuronium (ROC) or vecuronium (VEC) induced neuromuscular block in adults. For the paediatric population: sugammadex is only recommended for routine reversal of rocuronium induced blockade in children and adolescents aged 2 to 17 years.¹

Sugammadex can affect hormonal contraceptives so it is important to follow this advice.

Sugammadex can make hormonal contraceptives - including the 'Pill', vaginal ring, implants or a hormonal IntraUterine System (IUS) - less effective because it reduces how much you get of the progestogen hormone. The amount of progestogen lost by using Sugammadex is about the same as missing one oral contraceptive Pill. For oestrogens, the effect is expected to be lower.

- If you are taking **the Pill** on the same day as your operation, follow the instructions for a missed dose in the Pill's package leaflet.
- If you are using **non-oral** hormonal contraceptives (for example a vaginal ring, implant or IUS) you should use an additional non-hormonal contraceptive method (such as a condom) for the next 7 days and follow the advice in the package leaflet.

Always read the BRIDION patient information leaflet for more information.

Adverse events should be reported. Reporting forms and information can be found at <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/> or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. Adverse events should also be reported to MSD UK (Tel: 0208 154 8000).

Reference

1. BRIDION® (sugammadex) Summary of Product Characteristics. Available at: <https://www.medicines.org.uk/EMC/medicine/21299/SPC/BRIDION+100+mg+ml+solution+for+injection/#gref>.



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