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Norethindrone

National Cancer Institute

Source

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A synthetic progestational substance with some anabolic, estrogenic, and androgenic properties. Norethindrone binds to the progesterone intracellular receptors in the reproductive system and the resultant activated complex interacts with specific DNA sites. This leads to an alteration in protein synthesis and results in an inhibition of LH release. Consequently, it inhibits ovulation and changes the normal cycle of cervical mucus and endometrium.