

# Birth Control Medication Interactions

Sugammadex and/or  
Aprepitant

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You had surgery on: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

The anesthetic medication you were given for surgery may change how well hormonal birth control medication works.

## **Hormonal birth control medications include:**

- Oral contraceptives (birth control pills, including the progestin-only pill)
- Injectable contraceptives (birth control shot)
- Implantable contraceptives (a small plastic rod that is put under your skin or a device that is put inside your uterus [IUD])
- Patches (a small, sticky patch you put on your skin)
- Vaginal rings (a flexible plastic ring you put in your vagina)

## The anesthetic medication you were given was:

- ☐ **Sugammadex (Bridion®):** This medication helps you recover faster from the muscle relaxant used during your surgery.
  - › It may lower how well your hormonal birth control works for up to 7 days (1 week).
  - › **Use a back-up birth control method for at least 7 days after your surgery.**
  - › If you use birth control pills, take them as usual while also using a back-up method.
- ☐ **Aprepitant (Emend®):** This medication prevents nausea (feeling sick to your stomach) after surgery.
  - › It may lower how well your hormonal birth control works for up to 28 days (1 month).
  - › **Use a back-up birth control method for at least 28 days after your surgery.**
  - › If you use birth control pills, take them as usual while also using a back-up method.
- ☐ **Sugammadex (Bridion®) and Aprepitant (Emend®):**
  - › **If you had Sugammadex (Bridion®) and Aprepitant (Emend®), use a back-up birth control method for at least 28 days after your surgery.**
  - › If you use birth control pills, take them as usual while also using a back-up method.

## Back-up birth control methods include:

- Male condoms
- Female condoms
- Diaphragms (device that blocks the cervix)
- Cervical caps
- Cervical sponges
- Abstinence (not having sex)

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