

## **Will other medicines affect the implant?**

Some medicines can reduce the implant's effectiveness. These include:

- medication for HIV
- medication for epilepsy
- complementary remedies, such as St John's Wort
- an antibiotic called rifabutin (which can be used to treat tuberculosis)
- an antibiotic called rifampicin (which can be used to treat several conditions, including tuberculosis and meningitis)

These are called enzyme-inducing drugs. If you are using these medicines for a short while (for example, rifampicin to protect against meningitis), it is recommended that you use additional contraception during the course of treatment and for 28 days afterwards. The additional contraception could be condoms, or a single dose of the contraceptive injection. The implant can remain in place if you have the injection.

Women taking enzyme-inducing drugs in the long term may wish to consider using a method of contraception that isn't affected by their medication.

Always tell your doctor that you are using an implant if you are prescribed any medicines. Ask your doctor or nurse for more details about the implant and other medication.