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Drospirenone is a synthetic form of the hormone progestin that is combined in pill form with another hormone—ethinyl estradiol—to prevent pregnancy. Drospirenone/ethinyl estradiol combination pills are sold under several brand names, including [Yaz and Yasmin](#), Ocella, Loryna, Gianvi and Beyaz.

In addition to being prescribed as a contraceptive, drospirenone can be used to treat moderate acne (in cases where the patient also wishes to prevent pregnancy) and premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD). PMDD is a more severe form of PMS that can cause extreme emotional and physical symptoms about two weeks before a woman begins her period.

Multiple studies have warned that women who use birth control pills containing drospirenone face an increased risk of [blood clots](#). According to two studies published by the *British Medical Journal* (BMJ), patients taking birth control with drospirenone are twice as likely to suffer [blood clots](#) as patients who are prescribed another brand of contraceptives.

In response to these findings, a Food and Drug Administration panel voted to issue a stronger [warning about the danger of blood clots](#) for patients taking drospirenone birth control pills. This increased blood clot risk can place patients at risk of other serious conditions, including [deep vein thrombosis \(DVT\)](#), [pulmonary embolism \(PE\)](#), [heart attack](#) and [stroke](#).

More than 10,000 lawsuits have been filed by patients who suffered blood clots or other injuries after using [Yaz or Yasmin birth control pills](#). Patients who were injured after taking Yaz, Yasmin or Ocella may still be able to file a [lawsuit](#) against the manufacturers of these drugs.

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