

NSAIDs

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These are anti-inflammatory medications and are commonly used in conjunction with other therapy. For more severe cases narcotic prescription drugs may be used. NSAID injections can be helpful for severe pain or if stomach pain prevents oral NSAID use.

OCPs

Oral-contraceptive Case

Oral contraceptives reduce the menstrual pain associated with endometriosis. They may function by reducing or eliminating menstrual flow and providing estrogen support. This is given as a long-term approach.

Progesterone (Progestins)

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Progesterone counteracts estrogen and inhibits the growth of the endometrium. Thus this therapy can reduce or eliminate menstruation in a controlled and reversible fashion.

GnRH Agonists

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These medications work by increasing the levels of GnRH. Consistent stimulation of the GnRH receptors results in downregulation, inducing a profound hypoestrogenism by decreasing FSH and LH levels. This, in turn, helps to control symptoms experienced by patients.