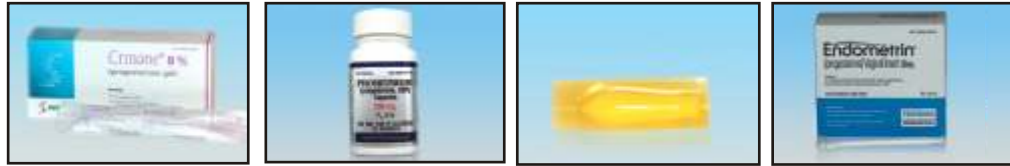


## VAGINAL PROGESTERONES



- Description:** The pharmacist using micronized progesterone powder compounds progesterone suppositories. The pharmacists commonly prepare progesterone suppositories in strengths of 100 mg and 200 mg vaginal suppositories. Other vaginal progesterones are Crinone and Endometrin. Crinone is packaged in individual applicators and Endometrin is packaged as a tablet that is inserted with an applicator. Prometrium is an oral gel capsule that may be inserted vaginally. Vaginal progesterones are indicated for progesterone supplementation or replacement as part of an assisted reproductive technology (ART) therapy. These progesterones are administered vaginally where it is absorbed locally.
- How it works:** These progesterones are administered vaginally where it is absorbed locally. Progesterone is used during the luteal phase of the cycle if the body's own natural progesterone is insufficient. Progesterone prepares the uterus to receive a fertilized egg for implantation. Once a fertilized egg is implanted, progesterone acts to maintain the pregnancy.
- Potential side effects:** Side effects may include vaginal discharge with any vaginal progesterone use. Other minor side effects could include a possible delay in the onset of your period, breast swelling and breast tenderness.
- Storage:** Crinone 8% Vaginal Gel - Store at room temperature; excursions permitted between (59-86°F).  
Endometrin 100 mg Vaginal Inserts - Store at room temperature (68-77°F); excursions permitted between (59-86°F).  
Progesterone Vaginal Suppositories - Store at room temperature or may refrigerate.  
Prometrium: Store at room temperature; excursions permitted to 59-86°F. Protect from excessive moisture.
- NOTE: Prometrium capsules contain peanut oil and should never be used by patients allergic to peanuts.*
- Instructions:** Insert vaginally as directed by your physician. For progesterone suppositories, please remove outer casing before inserting. Use Endometrin exactly as prescribed.