

Contraceptive pill checks

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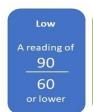
- Providing your □ blood pressure □ height □ weight measurements.
- Having your □ blood pressure □ height □ weight measured at the pharmacy.

Why do I need to get my blood pressure, height and weight checked?

- To provide the contraceptive pill safely, it is important for the pharmacist or pharmacy technician to be aware of other health matters that may affect your contraceptive options.
- Your height and weight are used to calculate your body mass index (BMI). It provides a useful indication of whether your weight is healthy.
- Some contraceptives may require dosage adjustments based on a person's weight or BMI.
- Use of some oral contraceptives could cause a small chance of increased blood pressure.

Blood pressure – know your numbers

Blood pressure is the force of your blood moving against the walls of your arteries. It is expressed as two numbers, one above the other:







Very high

A reading of

180

120

or higher

Your blood pressure reading:

Date:

Body Mass Index – know your numbers

For most adults, a BMI of:

Under 18.5 means you are underweight

18.5 to 24.9 means you are a healthy weight

25 to 29.9 means you are overweight

30 to 39.9 means you are obese

40 or above means you are severely obese

Further information

 $\underline{www.nhs.uk/conditions/blood-pressure-test/}$

www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator/

Your height:

Your weight:

Your BMI:

(Calculated by the pharmacy)

Pharmacy details: