

What You Need to Know about Sugammadex (Bridion)

For women given this drug during surgery

What is sugammadex?

During surgery, medicine is used to relax your muscles. Sugammadex (soo-GAM-ma-dex) is a drug that reverses the effects of these muscle relaxants.

What do I need know about this drug?

Birth control may not work for 1 week after you have been given sugammadex. Types of birth control affected include:

- birth control pills
- rings
- patches
- injections
- hormonal IUDs
- implants

Specific devices affected include (but are not limited to):

- Mirena
- Jadelle
- Skyla
- Sino-implant
- NuvaRing
- Nexplanon
- Implanon

Emergency contraceptive pills (Plan B) may also be affected and may not work for 7 days.

Paragard IUD, however, will not be affected by sugammadex.

If you do not want to become pregnant after getting sugammadex . . .

For 7 days after receiving this drug, you will need to use condoms, diaphragms, spermicidal jelly, or some other form of non-hormonal birth control. This is in addition to other birth control methods you may be using.

If you are trying to become pregnant . . .

This medicine will not affect your fertility.

Questions?

Talk with your health care provider if you have any questions about sugammadex or your birth control methods.

Or call the Vanderbilt Preoperative Evaluation Clinic at (615) 343-3030.