

**MEDICATION GUIDE FOR NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS
(NSAIDS)**

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717 (See the end of this Medication Guide
718 for a list of prescription NSAID medicines.)

719 **What is the most important information I should know about medicines called**
720 **Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)?**

721 **NSAID medicines may increase the chance of a heart attack or stroke that can lead**
722 **to death.** This chance increases:

- 723 • with longer use of NSAID medicines
724 • in people who have heart disease
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726 **NSAID medicines should never be used right before or after a heart surgery called a**
727 **“coronary artery bypass graft (CABG).”**

728 **NSAID medicines can cause ulcers and bleeding in the stomach and intestines at any**
729 **time during treatment. Ulcers and bleeding:**

- 730 • can happen without warning symptoms
731 • may cause death
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733 **The chance of a person getting an ulcer or bleeding increases with:**

- 734 • taking medicines called “corticosteroids” and “anticoagulants”
735 • longer use
736 • smoking
737 • drinking alcohol
738 • older age
739 • having poor health
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741 **NSAID medicines should only be used:**

- 742 • exactly as prescribed
743 • at the lowest dose possible for your treatment
744 • for the shortest time needed
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746 **What are Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)?**

747 NSAID medicines are used to treat pain and redness, swelling, and heat (inflammation)
748 from medical conditions such as:

- 749 • different types of arthritis
750 • menstrual cramps and other types of short-term pain
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752 **Who should not take a Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug (NSAID)?**

753 **Do not take an NSAID medicine:**

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- 754 • if you had an asthma attack, hives, or other allergic reaction with aspirin or any other
755 NSAID medicine
- 756 • for pain right before or after heart bypass surgery
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758 **Tell your healthcare provider:**

- 759 • about all of your medical conditions.
- 760 • about all of the medicines you take. NSAIDs and some other medicines can interact
761 with each other and cause serious side effects. **Keep a list of your medicines to show**
762 **to your healthcare provider and pharmacist.**
- 763 • if you are pregnant. **NSAID medicines should not be used by pregnant women late**
764 **in their pregnancy.**
- 765 • if you are breastfeeding. Talk to your doctor.
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767 **What are the possible side effects of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs**
768 **(NSAIDs)?**

Serious side effects include:	Other side effects include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• heart attack• stroke• high blood pressure• heart failure from body swelling (fluid retention)• kidney problems including kidney failure• bleeding and ulcers in the stomach and intestine• low red blood cells (anemia)• life-threatening skin reactions• life-threatening allergic reactions• liver problems including liver failure• asthma attacks in people who have asthma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• stomach pain• constipation• diarrhea• gas• heartburn• nausea• vomiting• dizziness

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770 **Get emergency help right away if you have any of the following symptoms:**

- 771 • shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- 772 • chest pain
- 773 • weakness in one part or side of your body
- 774 • slurred speech
- 775 • swelling of the face or throat
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777 **Stop your NSAID medicine and call your healthcare provider right away if you have**
778 **any of the following symptoms:**

- 779 • nausea
- 780 • more tired or weaker than usual
- 781 • itching
- 782 • your skin or eyes look yellow

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- 783 • stomach pain
- 784 • flu-like symptoms
- 785 • vomit blood
- 786 • there is blood in your bowel movement or it is black and sticky like tar
- 787 • unusual weight gain
- 788 • skin rash or blisters with fever
- 789 • swelling of the arms and legs, hands and feet

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791 These are not all the side effects with NSAID medicines. Talk to your healthcare provider
792 or pharmacist for more information about NSAID medicines.

793 Other information about Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs):

- 794 • Aspirin is an NSAID medicine but it does not increase the chance of a heart attack.
795 Aspirin can cause bleeding in the brain, stomach, and intestines. Aspirin can also
796 cause ulcers in the stomach and intestines.
- 797 • Some of these NSAID medicines are sold in lower doses without a prescription (over-
798 the-counter). Talk to your healthcare provider before using over-the-counter NSAIDs
799 for more than 10 days.

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801 NSAID medicines that need a prescription:

Generic Name	Tradename
Celecoxib	Celebrex
Diclofenac	Cataflam, Voltaren, Arthrotec (combined with misoprostol)
Diflunisal	Dolobid
Etodolac	Lodine, Lodine XL
Fenoprofen	Nalfon, Nalfon 200
Flurbiprofen	Ansaid
Ibuprofen	Motrin, Tab-Profen, Vicoprofen* (combined with hydrocodone), Combunox (combined with oxycodone)
Indomethacin	Indocin, Indocin SR, Indo-Lemmon, Indomethagan
Ketoprofen	Oruvail
Ketorolac	Toradol
Mefenamic Acid	Ponstel
Meloxicam	Mobic

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Nabumetone	Relafen
Naproxen	Naprosyn, Anaprox, Anaprox DS, EC-Naproxyn, Naprelan, Naprapac (copackaged with lansoprazole)
Oxaprozin	Daypro
Piroxicam	Feldene
Sulindac	Clinoril
Tolmetin	Tolectin, Tolectin DS, Tolectin 600

802 *Vicoprofen contains the same dose of ibuprofen as over-the-counter (OTC) NSAIDs, and is usually used
803 for less than 10 days to treat pain. The OTC NSAID label warns that long term continuous use may
804 increase the risk of heart attack or stroke.
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