

What If I Miss A Dose?

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only that dose. Do not double up or take extra doses.

Be Healthy!
Live Better!
Live Longer!



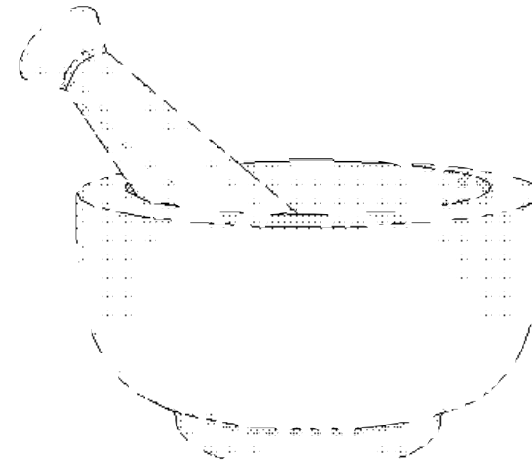
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Can Your Arthritis Medicines Be Harmful?

NSAID Series, R2



Beware! Some medicines can make you very ill.

Are You Taking One or More of These Drugs?

Over-the-Counter Drug Products

Aspirin
Advil® (ibuprofen)
Aleve® (naproxen)
Doan's® Pills (magnesium salicylate)
Motrin IB® (ibuprofen)
Orudis KT® (ketoprofen)

Prescription Drug Products

Anaprox® (naproxen)
Ansaid® (flurbiprofen)
Arthrotec® (diclofenac/misoprostol)
Cataflam® (diclofenac)
Clinoral® (sulindac)
Daypro® (oxaprozin)
Disalcid® (salsalate)
Dolobid® (diflunisal)
Feldene® (piroxicam)
Indocin® (indomethacin)
Lodine® (etodolac)
Meclomen® (meclofenamate)
Motrin® (ibuprofen)
Nalfon® (fenoprofen)
Naprelan® (naproxen)
Naprosyn® (naproxen)
Orudis® (ketoprofen)
Oruvail® (ketoprofen)
Ponstel® (mefenamic acid)
Relafen® (nabumetone)
Tolectin® (tolmetin)
Toradol® (ketorolac)
Trilisate® (choline magnesium trisalicylate)

If you answered "Yes" to this question, you should talk to your pharmacist or physician about any problems you may have while on NSAID (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug) treatment.

NSAID Treatment

Although NSAIDs are effective in treating your pain and swelling, you need to be aware that these potent drugs can cause problems or side effects. Your pharmacists and doctor are working together to make sure that your medicines are safe and effective. Your team of health professionals need your help! They need to know if you are experiencing any problems with the drugs you are taking.

What Do I Need To Watch For While I Take NSAIDs?

Consult your doctor and pharmacist if your pain continues. Do not take NSAIDs with other pain-killers without your doctor's or pharmacist's advice.

DO NOT smoke cigarettes or drink alcohol when taking your medication. They increase irritation to your stomach and make it easier for these drugs to harm your stomach.

If you get black, tarry stools or vomit that looks like coffee grounds, call your doctor at once. You may have a bleeding stomach ulcer.

Are You At Risk Of Developing A Stomach Ulcer?

- Are you taking Prednisone?

Yes

No

- Are you age 65 or older?

Yes

No

- Have you ever had stomach problems or stomach pains while taking your arthritis medicines?

Yes

No

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, please see your pharmacist or doctor about your arthritis medicine.

There are medicines available now and more will be available in the future that may be less harmful to your stomach. Your doctor and pharmacist will work with you in deciding which medicines are best for you.

Things To Tell Your Doctor or Pharmacist

One way to prevent problems with these drugs is to tell your doctor, dentist, or pharmacist if you have any of these conditions:

- An alcohol problem
- Anemia
- Asthma
- Bleeding problems
- Tobacco use
- Dental disease
- Diabetes
- Heart or circulation problems
- Kidney disease
- Liver disease
- Nasal polyps
- Stomach or duodenal ulcers
- Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
- Ulcerative colitis
- An unusual or allergic reaction to aspirin, other salicylates, other NSAIDs, foods, dyes, or preservatives

Preventing Problems

Take your medicine with a full glass of water (at least 8 ounces).

Do Not lie down for at least 30 minutes after taking your medicine.

Take your medicine with food or antacids.

Where Can I Keep My Medicine?

Keep your medicine out of the reach of children in a container that small children cannot open.

Keep the container tightly closed.

Store at room temperature between 59 and 86 degrees Fahrenheit. Keep container tightly closed.

Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date.