

Drug : **MELOXICAM TAB**

**What is this medicine?**

MELOXICAM (mel OX i cam) is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). It is used to reduce swelling and to treat pain. It may be used for osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, or juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.

**This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.**

**What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?**

They need to know if you have any of these conditions: -bleeding disorders -cigarette smoker -coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery within the past 2 weeks -drink more than 3 alcohol-containing drinks per day -heart disease -high blood pressure -history of stomach bleeding -kidney disease -liver disease -lung or breathing disease, like asthma -stomach or intestine problems -an unusual or allergic reaction to meloxicam, aspirin, other NSAIDs, other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives -pregnant or trying to get pregnant -breast-feeding

**How should I use this medicine?**

Take this medicine by mouth with a full glass of water. Follow the directions on the prescription label. You can take it with or without food. If it upsets your stomach, take it with food. Take your medicine at regular intervals. Do not take it more often than directed. Do not stop taking except on your doctor's advice. A special MedGuide will be given to you by the pharmacist with each prescription and refill. Be sure to read this information carefully each time. Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. While this drug may be prescribed for selected conditions, precautions do apply. Patients over 65 years old may have a stronger reaction and need a smaller dose.

**Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once.**

**NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.**

**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 take double or extra doses.

**Where should I keep my medicine?**

Keep out of the reach of children. Store at room temperature between 15 and 30 degrees C (59 and 86 degrees F). Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date.

**NOTE: This sheet is a summary. It may not cover all possible information. If you have questions about this medicine, talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider.**

**What should I watch for while using this medicine?**

Tell your doctor or healthcare professional if your symptoms do not start to get better or if they get worse. Do not take other medicines that contain aspirin, ibuprofen, or naproxen with this medicine. Side effects such as stomach upset, nausea, or ulcers may be more likely to occur. Many medicines available without a prescription should not be taken with this medicine. This medicine can cause ulcers and bleeding in the stomach and intestines at any time during treatment. This can happen with no warning and may cause death. There is increased risk with taking this medicine for a long time. Smoking, drinking alcohol, older age, and poor health can also increase risks. Call your doctor right away if you have stomach pain or blood in your vomit or stool. This medicine does not prevent heart attack or stroke. In fact, this medicine may increase the chance of a heart attack or stroke. The chance may increase with longer use of this medicine and in people who have heart disease. If you take aspirin to prevent heart attack or stroke, talk with your doctor or health care professional.

**What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?**

Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible: -allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue -nausea, vomiting -signs and symptoms of a blood clot

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such as breathing problems; changes in vision; chest pain; severe, sudden headache; pain, swelling, warmth in the leg; trouble speaking; sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg -signs and symptoms of bleeding such as bloody or black, tarry stools; red or dark-brown urine; spitting up blood or brown material that looks like coffee grounds; red spots on the skin; unusual bruising or bleeding from the eye, gums, or nose -signs and symptoms of liver injury like dark yellow or brown urine; general ill feeling or flu-like symptoms; light-colored stools; loss of appetite; nausea; right upper belly pain; unusually weak or tired; yellowing of the eyes or skin -signs and symptoms of stroke like changes in vision; confusion; trouble speaking or understanding; severe headaches; sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg; trouble walking; dizziness; loss of balance or coordination Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report these to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome): -constipation -diarrhea -gas

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