

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Cardiovascular Thrombotic Events

Clinical trials of several COX-2 selective and nonselective NSAIDs of up to three years duration have shown an increased risk of serious cardiovascular (CV) thrombotic events, including myocardial infarction (MI) and stroke, which can be fatal. Based on multiple data, it is unclear but the risk for CV thrombotic events is similar for all NSAIDs. The relative increase in risk for thrombotic events over baseline estimates by NSAID use appears to be similar in those with and without known CV disease or risk factors for CV disease. However, patients with known CV disease or risk factors had a higher absolute risk/benefit of access serious CV thrombotic events, due to their increased baseline risk. Some observational studies found that the increased risk of serious CV thrombotic events began as early as the first weeks of treatment. The increase in CV thrombotic risk has been observed most consistently at higher doses.

To minimize the potential risk for an adverse CV event in NSAID-treated patients, use the lowest effective dose for the shortest duration possible. Physicians and patients should remain alert for the development of such events throughout the entire treatment course, even in the absence of previous CV symptoms. Patients should be informed about the symptoms of serious CV events and the steps to take if they occur.

There is no consistent evidence that concurrent use of aspirin mitigates the increased risk of serious CV thrombotic events associated with NSAID use. The concurrent use of aspirin and an NSAID, such as meloxicam, increases the risk of serious gastrointestinal (GI) events [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].

Place-Plus Comparison Active Population Study of Oral Surgery

Two large, controlled clinical trials of a COX-2 selective NSAID for the treatment of pain in the first 12-14 days following CABG surgery found an increased incidence of myocardial infarction and stroke. NSAIDs are contraindicated in the setting of CABG [see Boxed Warning (4)].

Post-Marketing

Observational studies conducted in the Danish National Registry have demonstrated that patients treated with NSAIDs in the post-MI period were at increased risk of rehospitalization, CV-related death, and all-cause mortality beginning in the first week of treatment. In this same cohort, the incidence of death in the first year post-MI was 20 per 100 person-years in NSAID-treated patients compared to 12 per 100 person-years in non-NSAID exposed patients. Although the absolute risk of death declined somewhat after the first year post-MI, the increased relative risk of death in NSAID users persisted over at least the next four years of follow-up.

Avoid the use of Meloxicam in patients with a recent MI unless the benefits are expected to outweigh the risk of recurrent CV thrombotic events. If Meloxicam is used in patients with a recent MI, monitor patients for signs of cardiac ischemia.

5.2 Gastrointestinal Bleeding, Ulceration, and Perforation

NSAIDs, including meloxicam, can cause serious gastrointestinal (GI) adverse events including ulceration, bleeding, ulceration, and perforation of the esophagus, stomach, and small intestine, or large intestine, which can be fatal. These serious adverse events can occur at any time, with or without warning symptoms, in patients treated with NSAIDs. Only 10% of patients who develop a serious upper GI adverse event on NSAID therapy are symptomatic. Upper GI ulcers, gross bleeding, or perforation caused by NSAIDs occurred in approximately 1% of patients treated for 3-6 months, and in about 2-4% of patients treated for one year. However, even short-term NSAID therapy is not without risk.

Risk Factors for GI Bleeding, Ulceration, and Perforation

Patients with a prior history of peptic ulcer disease and/or GI bleeding who used NSAIDs had a greater than 10-fold increased risk for developing a GI bleed compared to patients without these risk factors. Other factors that increase the risk of GI bleed in patients treated with NSAIDs include longer duration of NSAID therapy; concomitant use of oral corticosteroids, aspirin, anticoagulants, or selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs); smoking; use of alcohol; older age; and poor general health status. Most postmarketing reports of fatal GI events occurred in elderly or debilitated patients. Additionally, patients with advanced liver disease and/or coagulopathy are at increased risk for GI bleeding.

Strategies to Minimize the GI Risks in NSAID-treated patients

- Use the lowest effective dosage for the shortest possible duration.
- Avoid administration of more than one NSAID at a time.
- Avoid use in patients at higher risk unless benefits are expected to outweigh the increased risk of bleeding. For such patients, use as those with active GI bleeding, consider alternate therapies other than NSAIDs.
- Remain alert for signs and symptoms of GI ulceration and bleeding during NSAID therapy.
- If a serious adverse event is suspected, promptly initiate evaluation and treatment, and discontinue Meloxicam until a serious GI adverse event is ruled out.
- In the setting of concomitant use of low-dose aspirin for cardiac prophylaxis, monitor patients more closely for evidence of GI bleeding [see Drug Interactions (7)].

5.3 Hepatotoxicity

Elevations of ALT or AST three or more times ULN (upper limit of normal [ULN]) have been reported in approximately 1% of NSAID-treated patients in clinical trials. In addition, rare, sometimes fatal, cases of severe hepatic injury, including fulminant hepatitis, liver necrosis, and hepatic failure have been reported.

Elevations of ALT or AST less than three times ULN may occur in up to 15% of patients treated with NSAIDs, including meloxicam.

The warning signs and symptoms of hepatotoxicity (e.g., nausea, fatigue, lethargy, diarrhea, pruritus, jaundice, right upper quadrant tenderness, and "flu-like" symptoms). If clinical signs and symptoms consistent with liver disease develop, or if abnormal test results occur (e.g., abnormal tests, etc.), discontinue meloxicam immediately, and perform a clinical evaluation of the patient [see Use in Specific Populations (8.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

5.4 Hypertension

NSAIDs, including Meloxicam, can lead to new onset or worsening of preexisting hypertension, either of which may contribute to the increased incidence of CV events. Patients taking antihypertensive converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, thiazide diuretics, or loop diuretics may have impaired response to these therapies when taking NSAIDs [see Drug Interactions (7)].

Monitor blood pressure (BP) during the initiation of NSAID treatment and throughout the course of therapy.

5.5 Heart Failure and Edema

The Celecoxib and traditional NSAID Trials Collaboration meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials demonstrated an approximately two-fold increase in hospitalizations for heart failure in COX-2 selective NSAID-treated patients and nonselective NSAID-treated patients compared to placebo-treated patients. In a Danish national registry study of patients with heart failure, NSAID use increased the risk of MI, hospitalization for heart failure, and death.

Additionally, fluid retention and edema have been observed in some patients treated with NSAIDs. Use of meloxicam may blunt the effects of several therapeutic agents used to treat these medical conditions (e.g., diuretics, ACE inhibitors, or angiotensin II receptor blockers [ARBs]) [see Drug Interactions (7)].

Avoid the use of Meloxicam in patients with severe heart failure unless the benefits are expected to outweigh the risk of worsening heart failure. If Meloxicam is used in patients with severe heart failure, monitor patients for signs of worsening heart failure.

5.6 Renal Toxicity and Hyperkalemia

Renal Toxicity

Long-term administration of NSAIDs, including Meloxicam, has resulted in renal papillary necrosis, renal insufficiency, acute renal failure, and other renal injury.

Renal toxicity has also been seen in patients in whom renal prostaglandins have a compensatory role in the maintenance of renal perfusion. In these patients, administration of an NSAID may cause a dose-dependent reduction in prostaglandin formation and, secondary, in renal blood flow, which may precipitate renal decompensation. Patients at greatest risk of this reaction are those with impaired renal function, dehydration, hypovolemia, heart failure, liver dysfunction, those taking diuretics and ACE inhibitors or ARBs, and the elderly. Discontinuation of NSAID therapy is usually followed by recovery in the posttreatment course.

The renal effects of Meloxicam may hasten the progression of renal dysfunction in patients with preexisting renal disease. Because some Meloxicam metabolites are excreted by the kidney, monitor patients for signs of worsening renal function.

Correct volume status in dehydrated or hypovolemic patients prior to initiating Meloxicam. Monitor renal function in patients with renal or hepatic impairment, heart failure, dehydration, or hypovolemia during use of Meloxicam [see Drug Interactions (7)].

No information is available from controlled clinical studies regarding the use of Meloxicam in patients with advanced renal disease. Avoid the use of Meloxicam in patients with advanced renal disease unless the benefits are expected to outweigh the risk of worsening renal function. If Meloxicam is used in patients with advanced renal disease, monitor patients for signs of worsening renal function [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

Hyperkalemia

Increases in serum potassium concentration, including hyperkalemia, have been reported with use of NSAIDs, even in some patients without renal impairment. In patients with normal renal function, these effects have been attributed to a hyperkalemic nephropathy-like state.

5.7 Anaphylactic Reactions

Meloxicam has been associated with anaphylactic reactions in patients with and without known hypersensitivity to meloxicam and in patients with aspirin-sensitive asthma [see Contraindications (4) and Warnings and Precautions (3.8)].

Seek emergency help if an anaphylactic reaction occurs.

5.8 Exacerbation of Asthma Related to Aspirin Sensitivity

A subgroup of patients with asthma may have aspirin-sensitive asthma which may include chronic rhinosinusitis complicated by nasal polyps; severe, persistent, fatal bronchospasm; and/or intolerance to aspirin and other NSAIDs. Because cross-reactivity between aspirin and other NSAIDs has been reported in such aspirin-sensitive patients, Meloxicam is contraindicated in patients with the form of aspirin sensitivity [see Contraindications (4)]. When Meloxicam is used in patients with preexisting asthma (without known aspirin sensitivity), monitor patients for changes in the signs and symptoms of asthma.

5.9 Serious Skin Reactions

NSAIDs, including meloxicam, can cause serious skin adverse reactions such as exfoliative dermatitis, Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS), and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), which can be fatal. These serious events may occur without warning. Inform patients about the signs and symptoms of serious skin reactions, and to discontinue the use of Meloxicam at the first appearance of skin rash or any other sign of hypersensitivity. Meloxicam is contraindicated in patients with previous serious skin reactions to NSAIDs [see Contraindications (4)].

5.10 Premature Closure of Fetal Ductus Arteriosus

Meloxicam may cause premature closure of the fetal ductus arteriosus. Avoid use of NSAIDs, including Meloxicam, in pregnant women starting at 30 weeks of gestation (third trimester) [see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)].

5.11 Hematologic Toxicity

Anemia has occurred in NSAID-treated patients. This may be due to occult or gross blood loss, fluid retention, or an incompletely described effect on erythropoiesis. If a patient treated with Meloxicam has any signs or symptoms of anemia, monitor hemoglobin or hematocrit.

NSAIDs, including Meloxicam, may increase the risk of bleeding events. Concomitant conditions such as coagulation disorders or concomitant use of warfarin, other anticoagulants, antiplatelet agents (e.g., aspirin), serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs) may increase this risk. Monitor these patients for signs of bleeding [see Drug Interactions (7)].

5.12 Masking of Inflammation and Fever

The pharmacological activity of Meloxicam in reducing inflammation, and possibly fever, may diminish the utility of diagnostic signs in detecting infections.

5.13 Laboratory Monitoring

Because serious GI bleeding, hepatotoxicity, and renal injury can occur without warning symptoms or signs, consider monitoring patients on long-term NSAID treatment with a CBC and a chemistry profile periodically [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2, 5.3, 5.6)].

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions are discussed in greater detail in other sections of the labeling:

- Cardiovascular Thrombotic Events [see Boxed Warning and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]
- GI Bleeding, Ulceration, and Perforation [see Boxed Warning and Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]
- Hepatotoxicity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]
- Hypertension [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]
- Heart Failure and Edema [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]
- Renal Toxicity and Hyperkalemia [see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]
- Anaphylactic Reactions [see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)]
- Serious Skin Reactions [see Warnings and Precautions (5.9)]
- Hemorrhagic Toxicity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.11)]

6.1 Clinical Trial Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of this drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

Adults

Onset/Offset and Rheumatoid Arthritis

The Meloxicam Phase 2/3 clinical trial database includes 10,122 OA patients and 1012 RA patients treated with Meloxicam 7.5 mg/day, 3559 OA patients and 2318 RA patients treated with Meloxicam 15 mg/day. Meloxicam at these doses was administered to 661 patients for at least 6 months and to 333 patients for at least one year. Approximately 15,000 of these patients were treated in 10 placebo- and/or active-controlled osteoarthritis trials and 2353 of these patients were treated in 10 placebo- and/or active-controlled rheumatoid arthritis trials. Gastrointestinal (GI) adverse events were the most frequently reported adverse events in all treatment groups across Meloxicam trials.

A 12-week multicenter, double-blind, randomized trial was conducted in patients with osteoarthritis of the knee or hip to compare the efficacy and safety of Meloxicam with placebo and with an active control. Two 12-week multicenter, double-blind, randomized trials were conducted in patients with rheumatoid arthritis to compare the efficacy and safety of Meloxicam with placebo.

Oral administration of meloxicam to pregnant rats during late gestation through lactation increased the incidence of dystocia, delayed parturition, and decreased offspring survival at meloxicam doses of 0.125 mg/kg/day or greater (0.08 times MW) based on BSA comparison).

8.2 Lactation

8.2.1 Summary

There are no human data available on whether meloxicam is present in human milk, or on the effects on breastfed infants, or on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Meloxicam and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from the Meloxicam or from the underlying maternal condition.

8.3 Data

8.3.1 Animal Data

Meloxicam was present in the milk of lactating rats at concentrations higher than those in plasma.

8.3.2 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

8.3.2.1 Females

Based on the mechanism of action, the use of prostaglandin-mediated NSAIDs, including Meloxicam, may delay or prevent rupture of ovarian follicles, which has been associated with reversible infertility in some women. Published animal studies have shown that administration of prostaglandin synthase inhibitors to the parents does not affect prostaglandin-mediated follicular rupture required for ovulation. Small studies in women treated with NSAIDs have also shown a non-clinical delay in ovulation. Consider withdrawal of NSAIDs, including Meloxicam, in women who have difficulties conceiving or who are undergoing investigation of infertility.

8.3.2.2 Males

The safety and effectiveness of meloxicam in pediatric (PA) patients from 2 to 17 years of age has been evaluated in three clinical trials (see Dosage and Administration (2.3), Adverse Reactions (6.1) and Clinical Studies (14.2)).

8.4 Pediatric Use

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment. Patients with severe hepatic impairment have not been adequately studied. Since meloxicam is a significantly metabolized in the liver and hepatotoxicity may occur, use Meloxicam with caution in patients with hepatic impairment (see Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5)).

8.5 Hepatic Impairment

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment. Patients with severe renal impairment have not been studied. The use of Meloxicam in subjects with severe renal impairment is not recommended. In patients on hemodialysis, meloxicam should not exceed 7.5 mg per day. Meloxicam is not dialyzable (see Dosage and Administration (2.1) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

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10 OVERDOSAGE

Symptoms following acute NSAID overdosages have been typically limited to lethargy, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, and epigastric pain, which have been generally reversible with supportive care. Gastrointestinal bleeding has occurred. Hypertension, acute renal failure, respiratory depression, and coma have occurred, but were rare (see Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6)).

Manage patients with symptomatic and supportive care following an NSAID overdosage. There are no specific antidotes. Consider emesis and activated charcoal (50 to 100 grams in adults, 1 to 2 grams per kg of body weight in pediatric patients) and/or gastric lavage in symptomatic patients within four hours of exposure to patients with a large overdosage (5 to 10 times the recommended dosage). For oral doses, emesis, absorption of drug, hemodialysis, or hemoperfusion may not be useful due to high protein binding.

There is limited experience with meloxicam overdosage. Cholestyramine is known to accelerate the clearance of meloxicam. Accelerated removal of meloxicam by 4 oral doses of cholestyramine given three times a day was demonstrated in a clinical trial. Administration of cholestyramine may be useful following an overdosage. For additional information about overdosage treatment, call a poison control center (1-800-222-1222).

11 DESCRIPTION

Meloxicam Tablets USP are a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). Each tablet contains 7.5 mg or 15 mg meloxicam for oral administration. Meloxicam is chemically designated as a significantly metabolized in the liver and hepatotoxicity may occur, use Meloxicam with caution in patients with hepatic impairment (see Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5)).

Meloxicam is available as a tablet for oral administration containing 7.5 mg or 15 mg meloxicam.

The inactive ingredients in Meloxicam tablets USP include colloidal silicon dioxide, croscarmellose, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, povidone and sodium citrate dihydrate.

Meloxicam is a pastel yellow solid, practically insoluble in water, with higher solubility observed in strong acids and bases. It is very slightly soluble in methanol. Meloxicam has an apparent partition coefficient (log *P*_{ow}) = 1.1 in octanol/ether at 7.4. Meloxicam has pKa values of 1.3 and 4.2.

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12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Meloxicam has analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and antipyretic properties.

The mechanism of action of Meloxicam, like that of other NSAIDs, is not completely understood but involves inhibition of cyclooxygenase (COX-1 and COX-2).

Meloxicam is a potent inhibitor of prostaglandin synthesis *in vitro*. Meloxicam concentrations reached during therapy have produced *in vivo* effects. Prostaglandin synthase inhibitor nerve and potentiates the action of bradykinin in inducing pain in patients. Prostaglandin synthase inhibition is reversible. Because meloxicam is an inhibitor of prostaglandin synthesis, its mode of action may be due to a decrease of prostaglandins in peripheral tissues.

12.2 Pharmacokinetics

The absolute bioavailability of meloxicam capsules was 89% following a single oral dose of 30 mg compared with 30 mg IV bolus injection. Following single intravenous doses, dose-proportional pharmacokinetics were shown in the range of 5 mg to 60 mg. After multiple oral doses the pharmacokinetics of meloxicam capsules were dose-proportional over the range of 7.5 mg to 33 mg. Mean C_{max} was achieved within four to five hours after a 7.5 mg meloxicam tablet was taken under fasting conditions, indicating a prolonged drug absorption. With multiple dosing, steady-state concentrations were reached by Day 5. A biexponential terminal elimination peak occurs around 12 to 14 hours post-dose suggesting biliary recirculation.

Meloxicam capsules have been shown to be bioequivalent to Meloxicam tablets.

Table 4 Single Dose and Steady-State Pharmacokinetic Parameters for Oral 7.5 mg and 15 mg Meloxicam (Mean and % CV)¹

Pharmacokinetic Parameters (Mean)	Single Dose		Steady State	
	7.5 mg Tablets	15 mg Tablets	7.5 mg Capsules	15 mg Capsules
N	8	8	8	8
C_{max} (ng/mL)	2 (20)	5 (20)	2 (20)	5 (20)
C_{min} (ng/mL)	4.8 (8)	3 (12)	6 (27)	4 (8)
AUC (ng·h/mL)	21 (24)	41 (24)	21 (24)	41 (24)
CL_R (mL/min)	8.8 (20)	9.8 (20)	5.1 (22)	10 (22)
CL_{CR} (mL/min)	15 (17)	13 (21)	10 (20)	10 (20)

¹ The parameters shown in the table are from venous studies.
² Meloxicam mean (SD) (n=8) (n=8) (n=8) (n=8)
³ CV² = (SD/mean) × 100

Food and Antacid Effects

Administration of meloxicam capsules following a high fat breakfast (75 g of fat) resulted in mean peak drug levels (i.e., C_{max}) being increased by approximately 22% while the extent of absorption (AUC) was unchanged. The time to maximum concentration (T_{max}) was similar between 5 and 15 mg. No pharmacokinetic interaction was observed with similar administration of antacids. Based on these results, Meloxicam can be administered without regard to timing of meals or concomitant administration of antacids.

Distribution

The mean volume of distribution (V_d) of meloxicam is approximately 10 L. Meloxicam is 99.4% bound to human plasma proteins (primarily albumin) within the therapeutic dose range. The fraction of protein binding is independent of drug concentration, over the clinically relevant concentration range, but decreases to ~90% in patients with renal disease. Meloxicam penetration into human red blood cells, after oral dosing, is less than 10%. Following intravenous dosing, over 90% of the radioactivity detected in the plasma was protein-bound meloxicam. Meloxicam concentrations in synovial fluid, after a single oral dose, range from 40% to 50% of those in plasma. The free fraction in synovial fluid is 2.5 times higher than in plasma, due to the lower albumin content in synovial fluid as compared to plasma. The significance of this penetration is unknown.

Elimination

Meloxicam is extensively metabolized in the liver. Meloxicam metabolites include 5'-carboxy meloxicam (M₁) of (acid), from 5'-OH mediated metabolism formed by oxidation to an intermediate metabolite, 5-hydroxymethyl meloxicam which is also excreted to a lesser extent (9% of dose). *In vitro* studies indicate that CYP2C9 (responsible for M₁ metabolism) may play an important role in the metabolic pathway with a minor contribution of the CYP2A4 isozyme. Patients' peroxisase activity is probably responsible for the other two metabolites which account for 14% and 4% of the administered dose, respectively. All the four metabolites are not known to have any *in vivo* pharmacological activity.

Excretion

Meloxicam excretion is predominantly in the form of metabolites, and occurs to equal extents in the urine (27%) and feces (11.6%). The extent of the urinary excretion was confirmed for unabsorbed multiple 7.5 mg doses: 0.5%, 6%, and 12% of the dose were recovered in the form of metabolites, while 85% of the dose was excreted as metabolites, respectively. There is a significant biliary and/or renal excretion of the drug. This was demonstrated when oral administration of cholestyramine following a single IV dose of meloxicam decreased the AUC of meloxicam by 50%. The mean elimination half-life (t_{1/2}) ranges from 15 hours to 20 hours. The elimination half-life is constant across dose levels indicating linear metabolism within the therapeutic dose range. Plasma clearance ranges from 7 to 10 mL/min.

Specific Populations

Pediatric

After single (0.25 mg/kg) dose administration and after achieving steady state (0.375 mg/kg/day), there was a general trend of approximately 30% lower exposure in younger patients (2 to 6 years old) as compared to the older patients (7 to 16 years old). The other patients had meloxicam exposures similar (single dose) or slightly reduced (steady state) to those in the adult patients, when using AUC values normalized to a dose of 0.25 mg/kg (see Dosage and Administration (2.4)). The meloxicam mean (SD) elimination half-life was 15.2 (10.1) and 13.0 (9.0) hours (12 to 16 year old patients, and 7 to 16 year old patients, respectively).

In a covariate analysis, elderly population pharmacokinetics (body-weight, but not age, was the single predictive covariate for differences in the meloxicam apparent oral plasma clearance). The body-weight-normalized apparent oral clearance values were adequate predictors of meloxicam exposure in pediatric patients.

The pharmacokinetics of Meloxicam in pediatric patients under 2 years of age have not been investigated.

Geriatric

Elderly males (≥65 years of age) exhibited meloxicam plasma concentrations and steady-state pharmacokinetics similar to young males. Elderly females (≥65 years of age) had a 47% higher AUCs and 32% higher C_{max} as compared to younger females (≥65 years of age) after both single and steady-state dosing. Despite the increased total concentrations in the elderly females, the adverse event profile was comparable for both elderly patient populations. A smaller free fraction was found in elderly female patients in comparison to elderly male patients.

Sex

Young females exhibited slightly lower plasma concentrations relative to young males. After single doses of 7.5 mg Meloxicam, the mean elimination half-life was 13.6 hours for the female group as compared to 21.4 hours for the male group. At steady state, the data were similar (11.9 hours vs 21.4 hours). The pharmacokinetics were similar to gender & likely to be of little clinical importance. There was parity of pharmacokinetics and no appreciable difference in the C_{max} or C_{min} across genders.

Hepatic Impairment

Following a single 15 mg dose of meloxicam there was no marked difference in plasma concentrations in patients with mild (Child-Pugh Class I) or moderate (Child-Pugh Class II) hepatic impairment compared to healthy volunteers. Protein binding of meloxicam was not affected by hepatic impairment. No dosage adjustment is necessary in patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment. Hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class III) have not been adequately studied (see Warnings and Precautions (5.3) and Use in Specific Populations (8.4)).

Renal Impairment

Meloxicam pharmacokinetics have been investigated in subjects with mild and moderate renal impairment. Total drug plasma concentrations of meloxicam decreased and total

your health.

- Advanced liver disease
- Bleeding problems

NSAIDs should only be used:

- as early as possible
- at the lowest dose possible for your treatment
- for the shortest time possible.

What are NSAIDs?

NSAIDs are used to treat pain and redness, swelling, and heat (inflammation) from medical conditions such as different types of arthritis, menstrual cramps, and other types of short-term pain.

You should not take NSAIDs:

- if you have had an asthma attack, hives, or other allergic reaction with aspirin or any other NSAIDs.
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Before taking NSAIDs, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have liver or kidney problems
- have high blood pressure
- have asthma
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Talk to your healthcare provider if you are considering taking NSAIDs during pregnancy. You should not take NSAIDs after 29 weeks of pregnancy.

Tell your healthcare provider about all of the medicines you take, including prescription or over-the-counter medicines, vitamins or herbal supplements, (NSAIDs) and some other medicines can interact with each other and cause serious side effects. Do not start taking any new medicine without talking to your healthcare provider first.

NSAIDs can cause serious side effects, including:

- heart problems including liver failure
- kidney problems including kidney failure
- the red blood cells (anemia)
- life-threatening skin reactions
- life-threatening allergic reactions
- Other side effects of NSAIDs include: stomach pain, constipation, diarrhea, gas, heartburn, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness.

Get emergency help right away if you get any of the following symptoms:

- shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- chest pain
- swelling in one part or side of your body
- stuffed, swollen, or itchy nose
- swelling of the face or throat

Stop taking your NSAID and call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms:

- more tired or weaker than usual
- dizziness
- feeling
- your skin or eyes look yellow
- discoloration or stomach pain
- flu-like symptoms
- joint pain
- there is blood in your bowel movement or it is black and sticky like tar
- stomach/leg pain
- skin rash or blisters with fever
- swelling of the arms, legs, hands and feet

If you take too much of your NSAID, call your healthcare provider or get medical help right away.

These are not all the possible side effects of NSAIDs. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about NSAIDs.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

Other information about NSAIDs:

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

General information about the safe and effective use of NSAIDs:

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use NSAIDs for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give NSAIDs to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

If you would like more information about NSAIDs, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about NSAIDs that is written for the general public.

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Meloxicam Tablet				
Product Information				
Product Type	ORAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG	USDA Code (Brand)	NOI 2020-000000-2020-000	
Route of administration	oral			
Active Ingredient/Active Moiety				
Ingredient Name	Strength	Strength		
MELoxicAM (SINE VULGARIS) (MELoxicAM) (MELoxicAM)	MELoxicAM	MELoxicAM	10 mg	
Inactive Ingredients				
Ingredient Name	Strength			
HYDROXYETHYLCELLULOSE (SINE VULGARIS)				
LACTOSE MONOHYDRATE (SINE VULGARIS)				
LACTOSE MONOHYDRATE (SINE VULGARIS)				
MAGNESIUM STEARATE (SINE VULGARIS)				
POLYMER I (SINE VULGARIS)				
POLYMER II (SINE VULGARIS)				
POLYMER III (SINE VULGARIS)				
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