

MELOXICAM, meloxicam tablet
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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION
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safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for MELOXICAM TABLETS.

MELOXICAM Tablets, for oral use
Initial U.S. Approval: 2000

WARNING: RISK OF SERIOUS CARDIOVASCULAR AND GASTROINTESTINAL EVENTS
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• **NSAIDs are contraindicated in the setting of coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery.**
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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Meloxicam Tablets are a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug indicated for:
• Osteoarthritis (OA) (4)
• Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA) in patients who weigh \geq 60 kg (1.3)

DOSEAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Use the lowest effective dosage for the shortest duration consistent with individual patient treatment goals (2.1).
• OA (2) and JRA (3):
o Starting dose: 7.5 mg once daily
o Dose may be increased to 15 mg once daily

• JRA (3.1) and JRA (3.2):
o Starting dose: 7.5 mg once daily
o Dose may be increased to 15 mg once daily

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DOSEAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Meloxicam Tablets, USP 7.5 mg and 15 mg (2)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

• Known hypersensitivity to meloxicam or any components of the drug product (4)
• History of asthma, urticaria, or other allergic-type reactions after taking aspirin or other NSAIDs (4)
• Current or recent use of aspirin (ASA) (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

• **Cardiovascular Thrombotic Events**
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• **GI Bleeding, Ulceration, and Perforation**
NSAIDs cause an increased risk of serious gastrointestinal (GI) adverse events including ulceration and perforation of the stomach or small intestine, which may be fatal. These events can occur at any time during use and without warning symptoms. Elderly patients and patients with a prior history of peptic ulcer disease and/or GI bleeding are at a greater risk for serious GI events. (See Warnings and Precautions (5.2)).

• **Renal Impairment**
The use of meloxicam in subjects with severe renal impairment is not recommended. In patients on hemodialysis, the maximum dosage of meloxicam is 7.5 mg per day (See Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

• **Non-Interchangeability with Other Formulations of Meloxicam**
Meloxicam tablets have not shown equivalent systemic exposure to other approved formulations of oral meloxicam. Therefore, meloxicam tablets are not interchangeable with other formulations of oral meloxicam products even if the total meloxicam strength is the same. Do not substitute similar dose strengths of meloxicam tablets with other formulations of oral meloxicam products.

• **Other Warnings and Precautions**
See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

• Most common (\geq 5%) and greater than placebo adverse events in adults are diarrhea, upper respiratory tract infection, headache, and influenza symptoms (5.1).
• Adverse events observed in pediatric studies were similar to those in the adult clinical trial experience (6.1).

DRUG INTERACTIONS

• **Aspirin (ASA)**
NSAIDs may reduce the antiplatelet effect of ASA. Concomitant use with ASA is not recommended. Consider withdrawal of meloxicam in serious GI bleeding or ulceration (5.2).
• **Other NSAIDs**
Concomitant use with NSAIDs is not recommended. In patients with severe renal impairment, the use of NSAIDs may result in accumulation of meloxicam. In such high-risk patients, monitor for signs of worsening renal function (7).
• **Diuretics**
NSAIDs may reduce natriuretic effect of diuretics and thiazide diuretics. Monitor patients to ensure diuretic efficacy (see nephrotoxic effects) (7).

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

• **Pregnancy, Use in Late Second and Third Trimesters**
NSAIDs may increase the risk of premature closure of the ductus arteriosus. Avoid NSAIDs in the third trimester of pregnancy (8.1).
• **Lactation**
NSAIDs are excreted in breast milk. Consider withdrawal of meloxicam in serious GI bleeding or ulceration (9.1).
• **See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.**

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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• **Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) cause an increased risk of serious cardiovascular thrombotic events, including myocardial infarction and stroke, which can be fatal. This risk may occur early in treatment and may increase with duration of use. (See Warnings and Precautions (5.2)).**

• **NSAIDs are contraindicated in the setting of coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery. (See Contraindications (4) and Warnings and Precautions (5.2)).**

Gastrointestinal Bleeding, Ulceration, and Perforation
• **NSAIDs cause an increased risk of serious gastrointestinal (GI) adverse events including bleeding, ulceration, and perforation of the stomach or small intestine, which can be fatal. These events can occur at any time during use and without warning symptoms. Elderly patients and patients with a prior history of peptic ulcer disease and/or GI bleeding are at a greater risk for serious GI events. (See Warnings and Precautions (5.2)).**

1. INDICATIONS AND USAGE

1.1 Osteoarthritis (OA)
Meloxicam tablets are indicated for relief of the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis (see Clinical Studies (4.1)).

1.2 Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA)
Meloxicam tablets are indicated for relief of the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis (see Clinical Studies (4.2)).

1.3 Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA) Pauciarticular and Polyarticular Course
Meloxicam tablets are indicated for relief of the signs and symptoms of pauciarticular or polyarticular course Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis in patients who weigh \geq 60 kg (see Dosage and Administration (2.4) and Clinical Studies (4.2)).

2. DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 General Dosing Instructions
Carefully consider the potential benefits and risks of meloxicam tablets and other treatment options before deciding to use meloxicam tablets. Use the lowest effective dosage for the shortest duration consistent with individual patient treatment goals (see Warnings and Precautions (5)).
After observing the response to initial therapy with meloxicam tablets, adjust the dose to suit an individual patient's needs.

In adults, the maximum recommended daily oral dose of meloxicam tablets are 15 mg regardless of formulation. In patients with hemodialysis, a maximum daily dosage of 7.5 mg is recommended (see Use in Specific Populations (8.7) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).
Meloxicam tablets may be taken without regard to timing of meals.

2.2 Osteoarthritis
For the relief of the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis the recommended starting and maintenance oral dose of meloxicam tablets is 7.5 mg once daily. Some patients may receive additional benefit by increasing the dose to 15 mg once daily.

2.3 Rheumatoid Arthritis
For the relief of the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis, the recommended starting and maintenance oral dose of meloxicam tablets is 7.5 mg once daily. Some patients may receive additional benefit by increasing the dose to 15 mg once daily.

2.4 Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA) Pauciarticular and Polyarticular Course
For the treatment of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, the recommended oral dose of meloxicam tablets is 7.5 mg once daily in children who weigh \geq 60 kg. There was no additional benefit demonstrated by increasing the dose above 7.5 mg. Clinical trial. Meloxicam tablets should not be used in children who weigh $<$ 60 kg.

2.5 Renal Impairment
The use of meloxicam in subjects with severe renal impairment is not recommended. In patients on hemodialysis, the maximum dosage of meloxicam is 7.5 mg per day (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

2.6 Non-Interchangeability with Other Formulations of Meloxicam
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3. DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Meloxicam Tablets, USP:
• 7.5 mg, yellow, round-shaped, flat beveled edge, uncoated tablets debossed with "75" and "75" on one side and "pae" on other side.
• 15 mg, yellow, round-shaped, flat beveled edge, uncoated tablet debossed with "150" and "75" on one side and "pae" on other side.

4. CONTRAINDICATIONS

Meloxicam is contraindicated in the following patients:
• **Known hypersensitivity** (e.g., anaphylactic reactions and serious skin reactions) to meloxicam or any components of the drug product (see Warnings and Precautions (4) (5.1)).
• **History of asthma, urticaria, or other allergic-type reactions after taking aspirin or other NSAIDs.** Serious, sometimes fatal, anaphylactic reactions to NSAIDs have been reported in such patients (see Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.8)).
• **In the setting of coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery** (see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)).

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 available data, it is unclear that the risk for CV thrombotic events is similar for all NSAIDs. The relative increase in serious CV thrombotic events over the course of treatment with NSAIDs may depend on the initial risk of these events without therapy. CV disease risk factors for CV disease. However, patients with known CV disease or risk factors had a higher absolute increase in serious CV thrombotic events due to their increased baseline risk. Some observational studies found that this 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 risks 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)).

Status Post Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Surgery Two large, controlled clinical trials of a COX-2 selective NSAID for the treatment of pain in the first 10 to 14 days following CABG surgery found an increased incidence of myocardial infarction and stroke. NSAIDs are contraindicated in the setting of CABG (see Contraindications (4)).

Post-MI Patients

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 reinfarction, CV-related death, and all-cause mortality beginning in the first week of treatment. In this study, the relative increase in serious CV thrombotic events over the course of treatment with NSAIDs in NSAID-treated patients compared to 1.2 per 100 person-years in NSAID-exposed patients. Although the absolute rate of death declined somewhat after the first year post-MI, this 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 inflammation, bleeding, ulceration, and perforation of the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, or large intestine, which can be fatal. These serious adverse events can occur without warning in some patients. The risk of serious GI adverse events is increased with NSAID therapy in patients who develop a serious upper GI adverse event on NSAID therapy is symptomatic. Upper GI ulcers, ulcers, gross bleeding, or perforation caused by NSAIDs occur in approximately 1% of patients treated for 3 to 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 bleeding in patients treated with NSAIDs include: 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 serious 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.
- Patients taking antiplatelets (including aspirin) or anticoagulants are expected to outweigh the increased risk of bleeding. For such patients, as well 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 the 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. Inform patients of the warning signs and symptoms of hepatotoxicity (e.g., nausea, fatigue, lethargy, diarrhea, pruritus, jaundice, right upper quadrant tenderness, and "flu-like" symptoms). If these signs and symptoms occur, advise patients to stop therapy. The risk of serious liver injury or death is low. If liver injury is suspected, discontinue meloxicam immediately, and perform a clinical evaluation of the patient (see Use in Specific Populations (8.6) 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 angiotensin 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 Cardio and traditional NSAID Trialists' Collaboration meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials demonstrated an approximately two-fold increase in hospitalizations for heart failure in COX-2 selective-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 re-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 CV effects of several therapeutic agents used to treat these medical conditions (e.g., diuretics, ACE inhibitors, or angiotensin 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 Hypokalemia

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, secondarily, in renal blood flow, which may precipitate acute 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 to the pretreatment state.

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 with caution in patients with renal insufficiency, heart failure, liver failure, hypotension, or hypovolemia during therapy 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)).

Hypokalemia

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 hyporenemic/hyperkalemic 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 (5.8)).

Seek emergency help if an anaphylactic reaction occurs.

5.8 Exacerbation of Asthma Related to Aspirin Sensitivity

A subpopulation of patients with asthma may have aspirin-sensitive asthma which may include chronic rhinosinusitis complicated by nasal polyps, severe, potentially fatal bronchospasm, and/or other reactions 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 this 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 signs 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 (see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)).

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 irreversibly decreased 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. Co-morbid conditions such as coagulation disorders or concomitant use of warfarin, other antiplatelets, antiplatelet agents (e.g., aspirin), serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SRIs), and serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs) may increase the 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 compromise 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, 5.8)).

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 Failure and Hypokalemia (see Warnings and Precautions (5.6))
- Anaphylactic Reactions (see Warnings and Precautions (5.7))
- Serious Skin Reactions (see Warnings and Precautions (5.9))
- Hematologic Toxicity (see Warnings and Precautions (5.11))

6.1 Clinical Experience

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

Adults

Osteoarthritis 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, 355 OA patients and 151 RA patients treated with meloxicam 15 mg/day. Meloxicam at these doses was administered to 661 patients for at least 6 months and to 112 patients for at least one year. Approximately 10,500 of these patients were treated in the placebo and/or active-controlled treatment groups. At least 10,000 patients were treated in the placebo and/or active-controlled treatment groups. In the 12-week placebo-controlled trial, the most frequently reported adverse events of all treatment groups versus placebo were:

• 12-week meloxicam, 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 meloxicam, double-blind, randomized trials were conducted in patients with rheumatoid arthritis to compare the efficacy and safety of meloxicam with placebo.

Table 1a depicts adverse events that occurred in ≥2% of the meloxicam treatment groups in a 12-week placebo-and active-controlled osteoarthritis trial.

Table 1b depicts adverse events that occurred in ≥2% of the meloxicam treatment groups in two 12-week placebo-controlled rheumatoid arthritis trials.

Table 1a Adverse Events (%) Occurring in ≥2% of Meloxicam Patients in a 12-Week Osteoarthritis Placebo- and Active-Controlled Trial

	Placebo (n = 3,596)	Meloxicam 7.5 mg daily (n = 3,596)	Meloxicam 15 mg daily (n = 3,596)
No. of Patients	157	354	356
Constipation	11.2	20.1	17.2
Abdominal pain	2.1	1.9	2.6
Dizziness	1.1	1.8	2.2
Dyspepsia	4.1	4.5	4.5
Headache	—	—	1.9

Meloxicam pharmacokinetics have been investigated in subjects with mild and moderate renal impairment. Total drug plasma concentrations of meloxicam decreased and total clearance of meloxicam increased with the degree of renal impairment while free fraction values were similar in all groups. The higher meloxicam clearance in subjects with renal impairment may be due to increased clearance of meloxicam which is available for hepatic metabolism and subsequent excretion. No dosage adjustment is necessary in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment. Patients with severe renal impairment have not been adequately studied. The use of meloxicam in subjects with severe renal impairment is not recommended (see Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.4) and Use in Specific Populations (8.7)).

Hemolysis

Following a single dose of meloxicam, the free Coombs plasma concentrations were higher in patients with renal failure on chronic hemodialysis (5 free fraction) in comparison to patients with normal renal function. The free fraction of meloxicam did not increase with dialysis. Therefore, additional doses are not necessary after hemodialysis. Meloxicam is not dialyzable (see Dosage and Administration (2.1), and Use in Specific Populations (8.7)).

Drug Interaction Studies

Aspirin

When NSAIDs were administered with aspirin, the protein binding of NSAIDs were reduced, although the clearance of free NSAID was not altered. When meloxicam was administered 1200 mg every three days to healthy volunteers, it failed to increase the AUC (10%) and C_{max} (24%) of meloxicam. The clinical significance of the interaction is not known. See Table 1 for clinically significant drug interactions of NSAIDs with aspirin (see Drug Interactions (7)).

Cholestyramine

Pre-treatment for four days with cholestyramine significantly increased the clearance of meloxicam by 50%. This resulted in a decrease in C₁₂ from 19.2 hours to 12.5 hours, and a 35% reduction in AUC. This suggests the existence of a pre-hepatic pathway for meloxicam in the gastrointestinal tract. The clinical relevance of this interaction has not been established.

Cimetidine

Concurrent administration of 200 mg cimetidine four times daily did not alter the single-dose pharmacokinetics of 30 mg meloxicam.

Digoxin

Meloxicam 15 mg once daily for 7 days did not alter the plasma concentration profile of digoxin after β -acetylglucosaminidase administration for 7 days at clinical doses.

In vitro binding found no protein binding drug interaction between digoxin and meloxicam.

Lithium

In a study conducted in healthy subjects, mean pre-dose lithium concentration and AUC were increased by 27% in subjects receiving lithium doses ranging from 600 to 972 mg twice daily with meloxicam 15 mg OD every day or compared to subjects receiving lithium alone (see Drug Interactions (7)).

Methotrexate

A study in 13 rheumatoid arthritis (RA) patients evaluated the effects of multiple doses of meloxicam on the pharmacokinetics of methotrexate taken once weekly. Meloxicam did not have a significant effect on the pharmacokinetics of single doses of methotrexate. In vitro, methotrexate did not displace meloxicam from its human serum binding sites (see Drug Interactions (7)).

Warfarin

The effect of meloxicam on the anticoagulant effect of warfarin was studied in a group of healthy subjects receiving daily doses of warfarin that produced an INR (International Normalized Ratio) between 1.2 and 1.8. In these subjects, meloxicam did not alter warfarin pharmacokinetics and the average anticoagulant effect of warfarin as determined by prothrombin time. However, one subject showed an increase in INR from 1.5 to 2.1. Caution should be used when administering meloxicam with warfarin since patients on warfarin may experience changes in INR and an increased risk of bleeding complication when a new medication is introduced (see Drug Interactions (7)).

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenesis

There was no increase in tumor incidence in long-term carcinogenicity studies in rats (104 weeks) and mice (99 weeks) administered meloxicam at oral doses up to 0.3 mg/kg/day in rats and up to 8.0 mg/kg/day in mice (up to 0.5 and 2.6 times, respectively, the maximum recommended human dose [MRHD] of 15 mg/day meloxicam based on body surface area [BSA] comparison).

Mutagenesis

Meloxicam was not mutagenic in an Ames assay, or clastogenic to a chromosome aberration assay with human lymphocytes and in *in vivo* micronucleus test in mouse bone marrow.

Impairment of Fertility

Meloxicam did not impair male and female fertility in rats at oral doses up to 9 mg/kg/day in male and 5 mg/kg/day in female (up to 1.8- and 3.2-times greater, respectively, than the MRHD based on BSA comparison).

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Osteoarthritis and Rheumatoid Arthritis

The use of meloxicam for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis of the knee and hip was evaluated in a 12-week, double-blind, controlled trial. Meloxicam (7.5 mg, 15 mg, and 22.5 mg daily) was compared to placebo. The four primary endpoints were: modification of clinical assessments, patient global assessment, patient pain, and function. An Oral Health, Scale for Pain Assessment Questionnaire addressing pain, function, and stiffness). Patients on meloxicam 7.5 mg daily and meloxicam 15 mg daily showed significant improvement in each of these endpoints compared with placebo.

The use of meloxicam for the management of signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis was evaluated in six double-blind, active-controlled trials outside the U.S., ranging from 4 weeks to 16 months' duration. In these trials, the efficacy of meloxicam in doses of 7.5 mg/day and 15 mg/day was comparable to piroxicam 20 mg/day and diclofenac ER 100 mg/day and consistent with the efficacy seen in the U.S. trial.

The use of meloxicam for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis was evaluated in a 12-week, double-blind, controlled trial comparing meloxicam (7.5 mg, 15 mg, and 22.5 mg daily) was compared to placebo. The primary endpoint in this study was the ACR20 response rate, a composite measure of clinical, laboratory, and functional measures of RA response. Patients receiving meloxicam 7.5 mg and 15 mg daily showed significant improvement in the primary endpoint compared with placebo. No incremental benefit was observed with the 22.5 mg dose compared to the 15 mg dose.

14.2 Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA) Pauciarticular and Polyarticular Course

The use of meloxicam for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of pauciarticular or polyarticular course juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in patients 2 years of age and older was evaluated in two 12-week, double-blind, parallel, active-controlled trials.

Both studies included three arms: naproxen and two doses of meloxicam. In both studies, meloxicam dosing began at 1.25 mg/kg/day (7.5 mg maximum) or 0.25 mg/kg/day (15 mg maximum), and naproxen dosing began at 10 mg/kg/day. One study used these doses throughout the 12-week dosing period, while the other incorporated a titration after 4 weeks to doses of 0.25 mg/kg/day and 0.35 mg/kg/day (22.5 mg maximum) of meloxicam and 15 mg/kg/day of naproxen.

The efficacy analysis used the ACR Pediatric 30 responder definition, a composite of parent and investigator assessments, counts of active joints and joints with limited range of motion, and erythrocyte sedimentation rate. The proportion of responders were similar in all three groups in both studies, and no difference was observed between the meloxicam dose groups.

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

Meloxicam Tablets USP, 7.5 mg are yellow, round-shaped, flat beveled edge, uncoated tablets debossed with "C" and "57" on one side and plain on the other and are supplied as follows:

NDC 68382-050-16 in bottles of 90 tablets

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NDC 68382-051-77 in unit-dose blister cartons of 100 (10 × 10) unit-dose tablets

Storage

Store at 20° to 25° C (68° to 77° F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Keep meloxicam tablets in a dry place.

Dispense tablets in a tight container.

Keep this and all medications out of the reach of children.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Guide) that accompanies each prescription dispensed.

Inform patients, families or their caregivers of the following information before initiating therapy with an NSAID and periodically during the course of ongoing therapy.

Cardiovascular Thrombotic Events

Advise patients to be alert for the symptoms of cardiovascular thrombotic events, including chest pain, shortness of breath, weakness, or dizziness and to immediately report any of these symptoms to their healthcare provider (see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)).

Gastrointestinal Bleeding, Ulceration, and Perforation

Advise patients to report symptoms of ulcerations and bleeding, including epigastric pain, dyspepsia, melena, and hematochezia to their healthcare provider. In the setting of concurrent use of low-dose aspirin for cardiac prophylaxis, inform patients of the increased risk for the signs and symptoms of GI bleeding (see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)).

Hepatotoxicity

Inform patients of the warning signs and symptoms of hepatotoxicity (e.g., nausea, fatigue, lethargy, diarrhea, pruritus, jaundice, right upper quadrant tenderness, and "flu-like" symptoms). If these occur, instruct patients to stop meloxicam and seek immediate medical therapy (see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)).

Heart Failure and Edema

Advise patients to be alert for the symptoms of congestive heart failure including shortness of breath, unexplained weight gain, or edema and to contact their healthcare provider if such symptoms occur (see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)).

Anaphylactic Reaction

Inform patients of the signs of an anaphylactic reaction (e.g., difficulty breathing, swelling of the face or throat). Instruct patients to seek immediate emergency help if these occur (see Contraindications (4) and Warnings and Precautions (5.3)).

Serious Skin Reactions

Advise patients to stop meloxicam immediately if they develop any type of rash and to contact their healthcare provider as soon as possible (see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)).

Female Fertility

Advise females of reproductive potential who desire pregnancy that NSAIDs, including meloxicam, may be associated with a reversible delay in ovulation (see Use in Specific Populations (8.2)).

Fetal Toxicity

Inform pregnant women to avoid use of meloxicam and other NSAIDs starting at 30 weeks gestation because of the risk of the premature closure of the ductus arteriosus (see Warnings and Precautions (5.10) and Use in Specific Populations (8.1)).

Avoid Concurrent Use of NSAIDs

Inform patients that the concurrent use of meloxicam with other NSAIDs or salicylates (e.g., aspirin, ibuprofen, propionic, paracetamol, and other NSAIDs) is not recommended due to the increased risk of gastrointestinal toxicity, and NSA or no increase in efficacy (see Warnings and Precautions (5.2) and Drug Interactions (7)). Advise patients that salicylates may be present in "over the counter" medications for treatment of colds, fever, or insomnia.

Use of NSAIDs and Low-Dose Aspirin

Inform patients not to use low-dose aspirin concomitantly with meloxicam until they talk to their healthcare provider (see Drug Interactions (7)).

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Medication Guide for Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)

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

NSAIDs can cause serious side effects, including:

- **Increased risk of a heart attack or stroke that can lead to death.** This risk may happen early in treatment and may increase:
 - with longer doses of NSAIDs.
 - with longer use of NSAIDs.

Do not take NSAIDs right before or after a heart surgery called a "coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)."

Avoid taking NSAIDs after a recent heart attack, unless your healthcare provider tells you to. Also, stay away as increased risk of another heart attack if you take NSAIDs after a recent heart attack.

Increased risk of bleeding, ulcers, and tears (perforation) of the esophagus (tube leading from the mouth to the stomach, stomach, and intestines).

- o anytime during use
 - o without warning symptoms
 - o that may cause death
- The risk of getting an ulcer or bleeding increases with:**
- o past history of stomach ulcers, or stomach or intestinal bleeding with use of NSAIDs
 - o taking medicines called "corticosteroids," "anticoagulants," "SSRIs," or "SNRIs"
 - o increasing doses of NSAIDs
 - o older age
 - o longer use of NSAIDs
 - o poor health or smoking
 - o advanced liver disease
 - o drinking alcohol
 - o bleeding problems
- NSAIDs should only be used:**
- o exactly as prescribed
 - o at the lowest dose possible for your treatment
 - o for the shortest time needed

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.

Who should not take NSAIDs?

- Do not take NSAIDs:**
- if you have had an asthma attack, hives, or other allergic reaction with aspirin or any other NSAID.
 - right before or after heart bypass surgery.

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.**
- are breastfeeding or plan to breast feed

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.**

What are the possible side effects of NSAIDs?
NSAIDs can cause serious side effects, including:

See "What is the most important information I should know about medicines called Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)?"

- use or recent high blood pressure
 - heart failure
 - liver problems including liver failure
 - kidney problems including kidney failure (see red blood cells (anemia))
 - gastrointestinal side reactions
 - gastrointestinal ulcers and 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:

- difficulty of breathing or trouble breathing
- blurred vision
- chest pain
- swelling of the face or throat
- weakness in one part or side of your body

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

- dizziness
- fainting
- more tired or weaker than usual
- dark or bloody in your bowel movement or in stool
- diarrhea black and sticky like tar
- itching
- unusual weight gain
- your skin or eyes look yellow
- skin rash or blisters with fever
- indigestion or stomach pain
- swelling of the arms, legs, hands and feet
- flu-like symptoms

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 used in lower doses without a prescription (over-the-counter). Talk to your health-care 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 health-care provider. You can ask your pharmacist or health-care provider for information about NSAIDs that is written for health professionals.

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POLYDENE OXIDE (INN) (N02BA02)			
Povidone K30 (INN) (N02BA02)			
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