

MEDICATION

Pain Reducer: Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)



What are Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)?

NSAIDs are a group of medications used to relieve mild to moderate pain and to reduce inflammation. Many of these medications are available without a prescription and sold over the counter.

What are some examples of NSAIDs?

There are different types of NSAIDs. They include:

- Aspirin • Ibuprofen • Indomethacin • Piroxicam
- Diclofenac • Meloxicam • Naproxen • Ketorolac

What is the correct dose for an NSAID?

It depends. The dose of these medications will be different for each person and the specific medication the person is taking. Follow your doctor's orders or the directions on the label.

What side effects can I experience with NSAIDs?

Most people can tolerate NSAIDs without difficulty. However, side effects can occur. Side effects include:

- Increased blood pressure • Upset stomach
- Developing open sores in the stomach (peptic ulcer- disease) • Bleeding from the stomach (particularly with long-term use and especially at high doses) • Injury to the Kidneys

Can I take this medication if I have other medical conditions?

Make sure to check with your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, especially kidney disease or a heart condition. Medical conditions may affect the use of these medications.

