

# Olfen® Gel

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agent for local use

## Composition

1 g gel contains: Diclofenac-sodium

10 mg

# Properties, effects

Olfen Gel is an anti-inflammatory and analgesic preparation for external application. It contains 1% diclofenac sodium in a cooling gel base that is well tolerated by the skin.

Olfen Gel has a pain-relieving, inflammation-inhibiting and detumescent action in inflammations of rheumatic or traumatic origin. It improves or normalizes impaired function.

#### **Pharmacokinetics**

Diclofenac is absorbed through the skin after local application and its presence can be shown in the plasma. Absorption of the active ingredient is ca. 3.3% of the locally applied dosage. Diclofenac metabolites appearing after topical application are similar to those determined after oral administration.

#### Indications

For the local treatment of arthrosis, periarthropathy, localized forms of non-articular rheumatism syndrome (e. g. tendovaginitis, bursitis, tendinitis) as well as traumatically induced inflammations of tendons, ligaments, muscles and joints (e. g. contusions, sprains and strains).

### Normal dosage

Depending on the size of the area to be treated, 2-3 g of Olfen Gel should be applied to the skin 3-4 x daily and rubbed in lightly.

Olfen Gel should only be applied to intact surfaces of skin. Wounds, open injuries, eyes and mucous membranes should not come into contact with the preparation.

Olfen Gel may also be given in addition to further treatment with other dosage forms of Olfen.

### **Use restrictions**

The preparation should not be used where there is hypersensitivity to diclofenac or to the gel base, to acetylsalicylic acid or to other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents.

In view of insufficient clinical data, Olfen Gel is not recommended during pregnancy.

Olfen Gel should not be used under occlusive, airtight dressings. Not to be taken by mouth.

#### Undesirable effects

Olfen Gel is generally well tolerated. There may be occasional reports of itching, reddening of the skin, skin rash or smarting of the treated area. The incidence of systemic side effects cannot be excluded in the case of long-term application on large areas of skin.

### Interactions

No interactions have been observed to date with Olfen Gel.

## **Packings**

Tubes of 20 and 50 g

The information contained here is limited. Further information can be obtained from your doctor or pharmacist.

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