

INDOMEL INDOMETHACIN

INDOMEL (indomethacin) is a highly nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug with marked analgesic and antipyretic properties. Its mode of action, like that of other anti-inflammatory drugs is known. However, its therapeutic action is not due to pituitary-adrenal stimulation. INDOMEL is not a simple analgesic, and its use should be limited to these conditions listed under.

INDICATIONS, particularly those cases not responding to conservative measures.

INDOMEL affords relief of symptoms. It relieves pain, reduces fever, swelling and tenderness. As with all anti-inflammatory drugs, it does not alter the course of the underlying disease.

INDICATIONS

INDOMEL is indicated in active stages of:

Rheumatoid arthritis

Osteoarthritis

Degenerative joint disease of the hip

Ankylosing spondylitis

Gout

Acute musculoskeletal disorders, such as bursitis, tendinitis, tenosynovitis, capsulitis of the shoulder.

It is also indicated for:

Low back pain (commonly referred to as lumbago)

Fever (as short term adjunct to specific therapy)

Pain, inflammation, trismus and edema following dental procedures.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

It is recommended that oral INDOMEL be taken with food, milk or an antacid.

Initially : 25 mg. 2 or 3 times a day. If the response is inadequate, gradually increase the dosage by increments of 25 mg. as required. Adequate response generally is achieved at a total daily dosage of 150 mg. or less. It is rarely necessary to exceed a daily dosage of 200 mg.

Transferring from other anti-inflammatory compounds to INDOMEL

1. Salicylates : When a response to INDOMEL has been obtained, the daily dosage of salicylate usually can be reduced and often stopped.

2. Steroids : If patients have been receiving corticosteroids, the steroid dosage often can be reduced gradually by 25 to 50 percent; in some patients the steroid can be discontinued gradually over a period of several weeks or months with close attention for any possible adverse steroid withdrawal effects.

3. Pyrazolones : INDOMEL may be used to replace the pyrazolones. As the dosage of INDOMEL is gradually increased to an effective level, the dosage of the pyrazolon compound should be reduced and eventually discontinued.

CONRAINDICATION

Children, pregnancy or lactation, active peptic ulcer, recurrent history of gastrointestinal lesions, sensitivity to acetylsalicylic acid or indomethacin.

SIDE EFFECTS

- Gastrointestinal reactions: nausea, vomiting, epigastric distress, abdominal pain, diarrhea, ulceration - single or multiple - of oesophagus, stomach, duodenum or small intestine.
- Hepatic reactions: jaundice and hepatitis.
- Dermatologic-hypersensitivity reactions: pruritus, urticaria, angio-neurtic edema, erythema nodosum, skin rashes.

HOW SUPPLIED

- INDOMEL is supplied in bottles of 30 capsules. Each capsule contains 25 mg. indomethacin.
- INDOMEL Suppository in box of 5 suppositories of 100 mg.



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