



**DRUG NAME:** Celebrex (celecoxib) a Cox 2 Inhibitor, available in 100 & 200 mg capsules.


**MANUFACTURER:** G.D. Searle and co-marketed by Pfizer

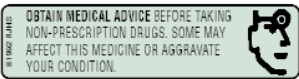
**INDICATIONS FOR USE:** For the relief of the signs and symptoms of Osteoarthritis & Rheumatoid Arthritis in adults and to reduce the number of adenomatous colorectal polyps, a condition known as Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP).


**In order to assist you with your patient counseling we recommend the use of the following Patient Advisory Label(s) when you dispense *Celebrex*:**

A-42  *Research:* Package Insert under Food Effects states “Celebrex capsules can be administered without regard to the timing of meals.”

A-17  *Research:* Package Insert under Drug Interactions States “Celebrex can be used with low dose aspirin. However, concomitant administration of aspirin with Celebrex may result in an increased rate of GI Ulceration.”

A-21  *Research:* Package insert under Food Effects states “Coadministration of Celebrex with an aluminum and magnesium containing antacid resulted in a reduction in plasma celecoxib concentrations with a decrease of 37% in Cmax and 10% in AUC.”

A-14  *Research:* This label is suggested due to the concern that a patient may be taking OTC products that contain aspirin and other NSAIDs, whereby increasing the likelihood of GI ulceration.

A-13  *Research:* This label is considered the “universal” counseling label when maintenance, long term therapy is needed for a continual therapeutic outcomes. Osteoarthritis and Rheumatoid Arthritis are conditions that require long term, maintenance medication use.

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References available upon request.

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## **CELEBREX (celecoxib)**

**Be sure to read all this information and contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions that are not answered here.**

### **THIS MEDICATION IS USED:**

To treat pain, swelling and stiffness due to arthritis and reduce the number of adenomatous colorectal polyps, a condition known as Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP).

### **PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION:**

- Take this medication exactly as your doctor has instructed.
- This medication should be taken with a full glass of water (4 ounces) or with food (crackers, bread or a full meal) to reduce the chance of stomach upset.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER:**

- Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to sulfonamides or ibuprofen like drugs (NSAIDs). You may be allergic to this medication.
- You must take this medication regularly as ordered by your doctor. It may take 1 to 2 weeks for you to feel the full effects of this medication.
- You should not take aspirin, ibuprofen products or drink alcoholic beverages while taking this medication without consulting with your doctor or pharmacist.
- DO NOT stop your medication abruptly or change the amount taken without first talking with your doctor or pharmacist.
- Talk with your doctor or pharmacist before taking a Non-Prescription drug. Some may affect this medicine or aggravate your condition.
- KEEP in a cool, dry place. DO NOT keep in your bathroom medicine cabinet or a cabinet above the stove. Heat or moisture may cause the medication to break down.
- KEEP all medicines out of the reach of children.

### **POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS:**

Stomach upset, diarrhea, gas, nausea or black or bloody stools.

### **MISSED DOSE INSTRUCTIONS:**

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible. BUT if it is almost time for the next dose, DO NOT take the missed dose or DO NOT DOUBLE the next dose. Instead, continue with your regular dosing schedule.