

Medication Information Card

Arthrotec[®] (Diclofenac and Misoprostol)

How this medication is used

This medication contains 2 medications:

- Diclofenac reduces pain and inflammation
- Misoprostyl helps protect your stomach from ulcers that can be caused by anti-inflammatory medication.

This medication reduces pain and inflammation. It also helps protect your stomach from ulcers that can be caused by anti-inflammatory medication.

When used for pain, this medication works right away.

When used for inflammation, it may take 1 or 2 weeks before you notice any improvement. Taking this medication in the evening may reduce morning stiffness.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor.

Take this medication at the same time each day, with a meal or right after a meal.

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

Do not take this medication if you are pregnant or planning to get pregnant.

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While taking this medication you may notice

- headache
- dizziness
- gas
- upset stomach
- heartburn
- diarrhea

Most of these effects will go away as you get used to the medication.

Your doctor may suggest another medication to help your headache.

Do not take products containing aspirin, ASA or ibuprofen while taking this medication unless directed by your doctor.

To avoid feeling dizzy, get up slowly when you have been sitting or lying down. If you feel dizzy, sit or lie down until you are no longer dizzy, then get up slowly.

Contact your doctor if you notice

- continued or severe diarrhea
- severe stomach pains
- skin rash
- breathing problems
- blood in your stool
- swelling of your hands and feet
- bleeding from the vagina
- ringing in ears