

## Pain & Inflammation Portfolio

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Acetaminophen	Tablet and caplets of 500mg. Suspension: 160 mg	Acetaminophen is a widely used over-the-counter analgesic (pain reliever) and antipyretic (fever reducer). It is commonly used for the relief of headaches and other minor aches and pains and is a major ingredient in numerous cold and flu remedies. In combination with opioid analgesics, it can also be used in the management of more severe pain such as post-surgical pain and providing palliative care in advanced cancer patients. <sup>1</sup> The onset of analgesia is approximately 11 minutes after oral administration of paracetamol, <sup>2</sup> and its half-life is 1–4 hours. Though acetaminophen is used to treat inflammatory pain, it is not generally classified as an NSAID because it exhibits only weak anti-inflammatory activity.
Diclofenac	Tablets (delayed release): 25, 50, and 75 mg. Tablets (immediate release): 50 mg. Tablets (extended release): 100mg	Diclofenac is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) taken to reduce inflammation and as an analgesic reducing pain in certain inflammatory conditions with musculoskeletal complaints, especially arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, polymyositis, dermatomyositis, osteoarthritis, dental pain, spondylarthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, gout attacks, and pain management in cases of kidney stones and gallstones. An additional indication is the treatment of acute migraines. Diclofenac is used commonly to treat mild to moderate post-operative or post-traumatic pain, in particular when inflammation is also present, and is effective against menstrual pain and



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## Healthcare at affordable cost

We take pride in being a partner in maximizing the impact of quality healthcare by providing best quality medication at a very affordable cost

<sup>1</sup> Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) (2008). "6.1 and 7.1.1". Guideline 106: Control of pain in adults with cancer. Scotland: National Health Service (NHS).

<sup>2</sup> Moller, P.; Sindet-Pedersen, S.; Petersen, C.; Juhl, G.; Dillenschneider, A.; Skoglund, L. (2005). "Onset of acetaminophen analgesia: comparison of oral and intravenous routes after third molar surgery". *British journal of anaesthesia* 94 (5): 642–648.

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		endometriosis.
Naproxin	Tablets: 250, 375, and 500 mg. Suspension: 125 mg/5ml.	Naproxen sodium is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). Naproxen works by inhibiting both the COX-1 and COX-2 enzymes. Naproxen is commonly used for the reduction of pain, fever, inflammation, and stiffness caused by conditions including migraine, osteoarthritis, kidney stones, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, gout, ankylosing spondylitis, menstrual cramps, tendinitis, and bursitis.] It is also used for the treatment of primary dysmenorrhea.
Piroxicam	Capsules: 10 and 20 mg	Piroxicam is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug of the oxicam class used to relieve the symptoms of rheumatoid and osteoarthritis, primary dysmenorrhoea, postoperative pain; and act as an analgesic, especially where there is an inflammatory component.