

Celecoxib (Celebrex®)?

What is Celecoxib (Celebrex®)?

Celecoxib is commonly known by the brand name **Celebrex®**. Celecoxib (Sel-e-COX-eb) is used to relieve some symptoms caused by arthritis, such as inflammation, swelling, stiffness, and joint pain. However, this medicine does not cure arthritis and will help you only as long as you continue to take it.

How do I take it?

Celecoxib is taken once or twice a day. The pills are 100 or 200-mg. each. The usual dose is 200 to 400 mg. per day. This drug is used for both rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis. Your doctor will tell you how many pills to take and how often. Follow your doctor's directions. For the best results, take these pills at the same time every day. Do not take more or less medicine than ordered. This medicine may be taken with or without food.

What else should I know?

Celecoxib is less likely to cause stomach upset and ulcers than NSAIDs. However, in some cases patients have complained of upset stomachs, indigestion, or diarrhea. Stomach problems may be more likely to occur if you drink alcoholic beverages while being treated with this medicine. **IF YOU HAVE A KNOWN ALLERGY TO SULFA DRUGS, DO NOT TAKE THIS MEDICINE UNTIL YOU TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR.**

What about other medications?

When you are taking Celecoxib, it is very important that your doctors know if you are taking any other medicine. This includes prescription and non-prescription medicines as well as vitamins and herbal supplements.

Celecoxib can be taken with other medications, however it is best to have your doctor's advice before adding another drug to your daily routine.

Instructions:

I will take Celecoxib, _____ pills at _____ and _____ every day. I will call my
time
doctor with any problems.