

Information for the user



Ibuprofen Caplets 400 mg

Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.

This medicine is available without prescription to treat minor conditions. However, you still need to take it carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet, you may need to read it again
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice

What this medicine is for

This medicine contains Ibuprofen which belongs to a group of medicines called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), which act to relieve pain and reduce swelling. It can be used to relieve headaches, rheumatic and muscular pain, pain from non-serious arthritic conditions, backache, migraine, period pain, dental pain and neuralgia. It can also be used to reduce fever and relieve the symptoms of colds and flu.

Before you take this medicine

This medicine can be taken by adults and children aged 12 years and over. However, some people should not take this medicine or should seek the advice of their pharmacist or doctor first.

X Do not take:

- **If you have a stomach ulcer, perforation or bleeding**, or have had one twice or more in the past
- **If you have had perforation or a bleeding stomach** after taking a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicine (you may have been sick and it contained blood or dark particles that look like coffee grounds, passed blood in your stools or passed black tarry stools)
- **If you are allergic** to ibuprofen or any other ingredients of the product, aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines (you have ever had asthma, runny nose, itchy skin or swelling of the lips, face or throat after taking these medicines)
- **If you are taking aspirin with a daily dose above 75 mg**, or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines
- **If you have severe heart, kidney or liver failure**
- **If you have an intolerance to some sugars**, unless your doctor tells you to (this medicine contains lactose)
- **If you are pregnant**, and in the last 3 months of pregnancy

! Talk to your pharmacist or doctor:

- If you have asthma, a history of asthma or other allergic disease, bowel problems, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease
- If you have other kidney, heart or liver problems (see "Do not take")
- If you have a connective tissue disorder such as SLE (Systemic Lupus Erythematosus)
- If you have chickenpox
- If you are elderly – you may get more side effects (see back of leaflet)
- If you are taking any other painkillers or receiving regular treatment from your doctor
- If you have had a stroke, or have heart problems, high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, or you smoke – see '**Risk of heart attack or stroke**' below
- If you are pregnant, and in the first 6 months of pregnancy
- If you are breastfeeding

Other important information

Risk of heart attack or stroke: Ibuprofen may increase the risk if you take large amounts for a long time. The risk is small. Take the lowest amount for the shortest possible time to reduce this risk.

Women of childbearing age: If you take this medicine, it may reduce your ability to become pregnant. This effect will be reversed when you stop taking the medicine.

If you take other medicines

Before you take these caplets, make sure that you tell your pharmacist about ANY other medicines you might be using at the same time, particularly the following:

- Other pain killers (including NSAIDs)
- Aspirin 75 mg (to prevent heart attacks or strokes) – the protection may be reduced when you take ibuprofen
- Medicines to thin your blood (e.g. warfarin)
- Mifepristone (for termination of pregnancy) – do not take ibuprofen if you have taken mifepristone in the last 12 days
- Water tablets (diuretics), medicines to treat high blood pressure, medicines for heart problems
- Corticosteroids, lithium, methotrexate, zidovudine
- Quinolone antibiotics (for infections)
- Medicines for depression (including SSRIs)
- Ciclosporin or tacrolimus (given after transplant surgery, or for psoriasis or rheumatism)

If you are unsure about interactions with any other medicines, talk to your pharmacist. This includes medicines prescribed by your doctor and medicine you have bought for yourself, including herbal and homeopathic remedies.

✓ How to take this medicine

Check the foil is not broken before first use. If it is, do not take that caplet.

Age	How many to take	How often to take them
Adults and children of 12 years and over	One caplets	Every 4 hours, if you need to. Don't take more than 3 caplets in 24 hours.
Take the lowest amount for the shortest possible time to relieve your symptoms		

Swallow each caplet with water

Do not give to children under 12 years.

Do not take more than the amount recommended above.

If your symptoms worsen at any time, talk to your doctor.

If your symptoms do not go away within 10 days, talk to your doctor.

! **If you take too many caplets:** Talk to a doctor straight away. Take your medicine and this leaflet with you.

Possible side effects

Most people will not have problems, but some may get some.

If you are elderly you may be more likely to have some of these side effects.

! If you get any of these serious side effects, stop taking the caplets. See a doctor at once:

- You are sick and it contains blood or dark particles that look like coffee grounds
- Pass blood in your stools or pass black tarry stools
- Tiredness or severe exhaustion, changes in the blood which may cause unusual bruising or unexplained bleeding and an increase in the number of infections that you get (e.g. sore throats, mouth ulcers, flu-like symptoms including fever)
- Stomach problems including pain, indigestion or heartburn
- Unexplained wheezing (asthma), worsening of existing asthma, difficulty in breathing, swelling of the face, tongue, neck or throat, fast heart rate, feeling faint or dizzy or collapse (severe allergic reactions)
- Allergic skin reactions such as itchy, red, raised rash (which can sometimes be severe and include peeling, blistering and lesions of the skin)
- Worsening of existing severe skin infections (you may notice a rash, blistering and discolouration of the skin, fever, drowsiness, diarrhoea and sickness), or worsening of other infections including chicken pox or shingles
- Meningitis (e.g. stiff neck, fever, disorientation)
- High blood pressure, heart failure (you may be tired, have difficulty breathing or swollen legs)
- A small increased risk of heart attack or stroke if you take large amounts for a long time
- Yellowing of the skin or eyes, pale stools or upper abdominal pain (these may be signs of liver problems)
- Swellings or ulcers of the stomach
- Kidney problems, which may lead to kidney failure (you may pass more or less urine, have blood in the urine or cloudy urine, or feel breathless, very tired or weak, have no appetite, or have swollen ankles)

If you get any of the following side effects see your pharmacist or doctor:

- Uncommon, feeling sick or rarely, being sick
- Uncommon, headache
- Rarely, diarrhoea, constipation, wind, worsening of colitis or Crohn's disease
- Frequency not known, swellings or ulcers of the mouth lining, which may cause swelling of the limbs

If any side effect becomes severe, or you notice any side effect not listed here, please tell your pharmacist or doctor.

How to store this medicine

Do not store above 30°C.

Store in the original package.

Keep this medicine in a safe place out of the sight and reach of children, preferably in a locked cupboard.

Use by the date on the end flap of the carton.

What is in this medicine

Each tablets contains Ibuprofen 400 mg, which is the active ingredient.

As well as the active ingredient, the tablets also contain microcrystalline cellulose, lactose, hypromellose, croscarmellose sodium, sodium laurilsulfate, magnesium stearate, french chalk, colloidal silicon dioxide, titanium dioxide (E171).

The pack contains 24 or 48 white capsule shaped tablets.

Who makes this medicine

Manufactured for the Marketing Authorisation holder The Boots Company PLC Nottingham NG2 3AA.

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If you would like any further information about this medicine, please contact The Boots Company PLC Nottingham NG2 3AA

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