

## Ketoprofen im injections

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### WHAT IS IN KETOPROFEN IM INJECTION?

The active ingredient is ketoprofen, 100mg in 2ml of solution.

Ketoprofen IM injection is one of a group of medicines called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

### WHY HAVE YOU BEEN PRESCRIBED KETOPROFEN ?

Ketoprofen IM injection is normally used to treat painful flare ups of rheumatism, arthritis, pulled or strained muscles and tendons, gout, other painful conditions of the bone or muscle and pain and inflammation following orthopaedic surgery. If you need any further information on your condition, please ask your doctor.

### BEFORE TAKING YOUR MEDICINE

Tell your doctor or nurse if any of the following apply:

- If you have had an allergic reaction after taking Ketoprofen (or similar products) in the past
- If you are sensitive or allergic to any of the inactive ingredients
- If you are allergic to aspirin or any other non-steroidal antiinflammatory drug
- If you suffer from any other allergies
- If you have or have had a stomach ulcer
- If you get indigestion or heartburn
- If you suffer from asthma
- If you have heart problems, previous stroke or think that you might be at risk of these conditions (for example if you have high blood pressure, diabetes or high cholesterol or are a smoker)
- If you have any kidney problems
- If you are pregnant, or planning a pregnancy
- If you are breast feeding
- If the patient is under 12 years of age
- If you are taking any other medicines. Some medicines may change the way Ketoprofen works e.g. aspirin or other non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs used to treat pain or inflammation, warfarin used to reduce clotting of the blood, sulphonamide antibiotics used to treat infection, phenytoin used to treat epilepsy, methotrexate used to treat cancer.

If you have to go to a doctor, dentist or hospital for any reason, tell them that you are having Ketoprofen injections.

### SPECIAL WARNINGS

Ketoprofen should not affect your ability to drive or operate machinery. However, Ketoprofen may occasionally cause drowsiness or dizziness in which case you should not drive or operate machinery.

### HOW TO TAKE YOUR MEDICINE

The usual adult dose is 1 to 2ml by injection into the muscle.

This may be repeated every 4 hours up to a maximum of 4ml in 24 hours.

Treatment by injection is not normally continued for longer than 3 days.

Elderly patients will normally be given the lowest effective dose.

Medicines such as Ketoprofen may be associated with a small increased risk of heart attack ("myocardial infarction") or stroke. Any risk is more likely with high doses and prolonged treatment. Do not exceed the recommended dose or duration of treatment.

Ketoprofen is not recommended for children.

Treatment by injection will usually be followed by a course of Ketoprofen capsules taken by mouth.

### DOES KETOPROFEN HAVE SIDE EFFECTS?

As well as benefits, all medicines may occasionally have unwanted effects in some patients. These are called side effects.

Minor side effects of Ketoprofen, that are well known, are indigestion, nausea, constipation, diarrhoea, heartburn, abdominal discomfort, headache, dizziness, confusion, drowsiness, insomnia, mood change, pain or burning sensation at the site of injection. You do not need to worry about them unless they become troublesome - in which case, you should contact your doctor.

Some side effects may be more serious and you should tell your doctor immediately if you have any of the following:

- Wheezing
- Tightness of the chest
- Faintness
- Skin rash
- Sensitivity to sunlight
- Swollen ankles

- Bad stomach pains
- Vomiting blood or dark coffee coloured granules
- Passing dark tarry bowel motions
- Bruising on your body
- Yellowing of the skin, aching limbs
- Reduced urine levels, low back pain

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible events. Most people take Ketoprofen without any problems.

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All medicines may have unwanted effects which are not mentioned in the product leaflet. If you notice any other changes in your health whilst taking this medicine, tell your doctor immediately

### EXPIRY DATE

You must not use medication after the expiry date.

This is given in two places:

- on the carton
- on the ampoule

In both places it is given as 'EXP' followed by the month and year.

The injection should not be used after the end of that month.

### STORAGE OF KETOPROFEN

Your hospital pharmacist will normally keep the injection for you, in a safe place - out of reach of children and protected from light. It should be kept below 30°C.

REMEMBER: These injections are for you. Only a doctor may prescribe them for you. Never give your medicines to other people. They may harm other people even if their symptoms appear the same as yours.