

INDOCIN® (indomethacin) is a new "anti-rheumatic" drug that has anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antipyretic activity. It has a unique chemical structure which differentiates it from the salicylates, corticosteroids, phenylbutazone-like compounds, and colchicine. Unlike corticosteroids, it has no effect on pituitary or adrenal function.

INDOCIN is an effective anti-inflammatory agent that is suitable for long term as well as short term use in adult patients of all ages. It has been found effective to relieve pain; reduce fever, swelling, and tenderness; and increase mobility in patients with rheumatic disorders.

INDICATIONS

INDOCIN has been found effective in the treatment of:

Rheumatoid arthritis
Rheumatoid (ankylosing) spondylitis
Degenerative joint disease (osteoarthritis) of the hip
Gout

In these conditions INDOCIN may often replace other commonly used agents such as corticosteroids, salicylates, phenylbutazone-like compounds, and colchicine.

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Rheumatoid Arthritis

In many patients with chronic rheumatoid arthritis INDOCIN produces a significant decrease of pain and stiffness within 48 hours, while in other patients treatment must be continued longer before significant subjective relief or objective evidence of decreased joint swelling and tenderness occurs. Treatment with INDOCIN should be continued for at least a month before concluding that it has not produced significant benefit.

When a response to INDOCIN has been obtained, the daily salicylate requirements can usually be reduced and often stopped. Also, if patients have been receiving corticosteroids, the steroid dosage often can be gradually reduced by 25 to 50 per cent, and in some patients it can eventually be completely discontinued. In such instances the steroid dosage should be reduced slowly.

In acute rheumatoid arthritis, or in acute flares of chronic rheumatoid arthritis, INDOCIN will usually produce prompt improvement with relief of pain, tenderness, swelling and stiffness.

Rheumatoid (Ankylosing) Spondylitis

INDOCIN frequently produces marked relief of pain and improved motion of the spine within 3 to 10 days.