

INDOCIN®
(Indomethacin)

Degenerative Joint Disease (Osteoarthritis) of the Hip

INDOCIN has provided relief of pain and increased range of motion in patients with degenerative joint disease of the hip.

Gout

In acute attacks of gout the response to INDOCIN is usually rapid and often dramatic. Marked reduction of pain may be obtained within 2 to 4 hours. Tenderness and heat subside within 24 to 36 hours, and swelling decreases over a 3 to 5 day period.

During the interval phase of gouty arthritis, indomethacin together with adequate doses of uricosuric agent may provide relief of pain and prevent the recurrence of acute attacks.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

As with other anti-inflammatory agents, INDOCIN may mask the signs and symptoms of peptic ulcer. INDOCIN itself may cause peptic ulceration or irritation of the gastrointestinal tract. For these reasons it should not be given to patients with active peptic ulcer, gastritis, or ulcerative colitis, and should be used with caution if there is a history of these disorders. In 4 patients with regional enteritis treated for up to one month, and one patient treated for 6 months, INDOCIN was well tolerated. However, in view of the paucity of data,

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this drug should not be given to patients with regional enteritis until additional evidence of gastrointestinal tolerance is available.

Reproduction studies in mice, rats, and rabbits showed no effect on fetal development or the reproductive cycle, although in rats there was some decrease in fetal viability. Studies in mice demonstrated that INDOCIN crosses the placental barrier. Since the effects of INDOCIN on the human fetus cannot be predicted with certainty from animal studies, the safety for use in pregnant patients has not been established.

Since the experience with INDOCIN in children is limited, it is recommended that this drug should not be administered to pediatric age groups until the indications for use and dosage have been established.

WARNING

Patients who suffer from dizziness, lightheadedness, or feelings of detachment on INDOCIN should be cautioned against operating motor vehicles or other machinery, climbing ladders, etc., if these symptoms are present.

INDOCIN should be used with caution in patients with psychiatric disturbances, epilepsy, or parkinsonism, since it may, in some instances, aggravate these conditions.