

extends the margin of safety in long-term management of arthritic disorders

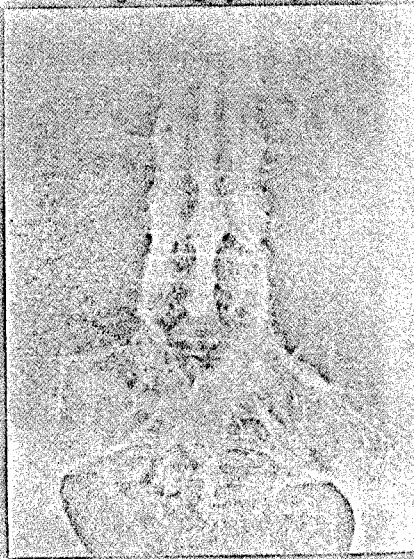
rheumatoid arthritis



the first non-corticosteroid agent which produced a predictable and measurable reduction in joint swelling in most cases of active rheumatoid arthritis.

Rev. J. D. and Bonachera, R. M. Brit. Med. J. 2:406 (Oct. 16, 1968).

ankylosing spondylitis



Therapeutic results have been uniformly excellent or good in ankylosing spondylitis.

Rothman, N. G. Arthritis Rheum 2:410 (June 1968).

Indications: Chronic and acute rheumatoid arthritis, rheumatoid (ankylosing) spondylitis, degenerative joint disease (osteoarthritis) of the hip, and gout.

Contraindications: Active peptic ulcer, gastritis, regional enteritis, or ulcerative colitis. Safety in pregnancy has not been established. Not recommended for pediatric age groups.

Warning: Patients who experience dizziness, lightheadedness, or feelings of detachment on INDOCIN should be cautioned against operating motor vehicles, machinery, climbing ladders, etc. Use cautiously in patients with psychiatric disturbances, epilepsy, or parkinsonism.

Precautions and Adverse Reactions: Most commonly, headache, dizziness, lightheadedness, G.I. disturbances. The C.N.S. effects are often transient and frequently disappear with continued

treatment or reduced dosage. The severity of these effects may occasionally require cessation of therapy. G.I. effects may be minimized by giving the drug with food or with antacids or immediately after meals. Ulceration of the stomach, duodenum, or small intestine has been reported and, in a few instances, severe bleeding with perforation and death. Gastrointestinal bleeding with no obvious ulcer formation has also been noted; INDOCIN should be discontinued if G.I. bleeding occurs. As a result of G.I. bleeding, some patients may manifest anemia, and for this reason periodic hemoglobin determinations are recommended. Rare reports of effects not definitely known to be attributable to INDOCIN include bleeding from the sigmoid colon (either from a diverticulum or without a known previous pathologic condition), perforation of preexisting sigmoid lesions (diverticulosis).