

interfere. Do not use aspirin. This may increase bruising or increase bleeding if there are small areas where this is happening.

- Ø If you feel you are not improving, or if you feel you are improving more slowly than you would expect, call your caregiver.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION IF YOU HAVE:

- Ø Numbness, tingling, weakness, or problem with the use of your arms or legs.
- Ø Severe headaches not relieved with medications.
- Ø Changes in bowel or bladder control.
- Ø Increasing pain in any areas of the body.
- Ø Shortness of breath, dizziness or fainting.
- Ø Nausea, vomiting or sweats.
- Ø Increasing *abdominal* (belly) discomfort.
- Ø Blood in your urine, stool, or vomit.
- Ø Pain in either shoulder or in an area where a shoulder strap would be.
- Ø Feelings of lightheadedness or you have a fainting episode.

If you feel your symptoms are worsening, SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.

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PRESCRIPTION(S)

Ibuprofen tablets or caplets

Advil®, Advil® Migraine, Excedrin® IB, Motrin®, Motrin® Migraine Pain, Nuprin®, Pedia Care® Fever Drops, Provel®, Rufen®

What are ibuprofen tablets or caplets? IBUPROFEN (Motrin(R), Advil(R), Rufen(R), Nuprin(R)) is an antiinflammatory drug. Ibuprofen reduces inflammation and eases mild to moderate pain. It reduces fever and relieves the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis (rheumatism), osteoarthritis, menstrual cramps or premenstrual pain and swelling. Generic ibuprofen tablets and caplets are available.

What should my health care professional know before I take ibuprofen? They need to know if you have any of these conditions: •anemia, •asthma, especially aspirin sensitive asthma, •bleeding problems or taking medicines that make you bleed easily such as anticoagulants ('blood thinners'), •cigarette smoker, •coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery within the past 2 weeks, •diabetes, •drink more than 3 alcohol-containing beverages a day, •heart or circulation problems like angina, high blood pressure, heart failure, heart rhythm problems, history of heart attack, history of blood clots, or leg edema (fluid retention), •kidney disease, •liver disease, •stomach or duodenal ulcers, •history of stroke, •systemic lupus erythematosus, •ulcerative colitis, •an unusual or allergic reaction to ibuprofen, aspirin, other salicylates, other NSAIDs, other medicines, foods, dyes or preservatives, •pregnant or trying to get pregnant, •breast-feeding

How should I take this medicine? Take ibuprofen tablets or caplets by mouth. Follow the directions on the label. Swallow tablets whole with a full glass of water; take tablets in an upright or sitting position. Taking a sip of water first, before taking the tablets, may help you swallow them. If possible take bedtime doses at least 10 minutes before lying down. Ibuprofen may be taken with food if it upsets your stomach. Take your doses at regular intervals. Do not take your medicine more often or for a longer time than directed. Contact your pediatrician or health care professional regarding the use of this medicine in children. Special care may be needed.

What if I miss a dose? If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only that dose. Do not take double or extra doses.

What drug(s) may interact with Ibuprofen? •alcohol, •anti-inflammatory drugs (other NSAIDs, prednisone), •aspirin and aspirin-like medicines, •cidofovir, •cyclosporine, •entecavir, •herbal products that contain feverfew, garlic, ginger, or ginkgo biloba, •lithium, •medicines for high blood pressure, •medicines that affect platelets,