ibuprofen

For use in adults and adolescents aged 16 years and over Ibuprofen

Information for the User

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you.
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after 5 days.

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1 WHAT NUROFEN DURANCE IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

The active substance is ibuprofen. Ibuprofen belongs to a group of medicines called Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs), which work by changing how the body responds to pain, swelling and high temperature. The medicated plaster locally delivers ibuprofen continuously at the site of pain over 24 hours of application.

Nurofen Durance is indicated for the short-term treatment of local pain in acute muscular strains, or sprains in benign traumas close to the joint of the upper or lower limb in adults and adolescents aged 16 years and older.

2 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU USE NUROFEN DURANCE

Do not use Nurofen Durance if you: are allergic to ibuprofen, aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid), other Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory **Drugs** (NSAIDs), or to any of the ingredients of this medicine (listed in

- section 6) have had a previous allergic reaction after taking Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) or aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid); such as asthma, wheezing, itching, runny nose, skin rashes, swelling
- are in the last three months of pregnancy.

Do not use Nurofen Durance on injured **skin** (such as skin abrasions, cuts, burns), **infected skin**, skin affected by exudative dermatitis or eczema, eyes, lips or mucosa.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist

- before using Nurofen Durance if you: have or have ever had asthma or suffer from allergies.
- have gastric ulcer, bowel, heart, kidney or liver problems.
- are in the first 6 months of pregnancy or breastfeeding.

Whilst using Nurofen Durance

- At the first sign of any skin reaction (rash, peeling, blistering) or other sign of an allergic reaction, **stop using** the medicated plaster and consult a doctor at once.
- Report any unusual abdominal symptoms (especially bleeding) to your
- If you are elderly you may be more likely to have side effects
- If you do not get better, you get worse, or develop new symptoms, talk to a doctor.

Avoid exposing the treated area to strong sources of natural and/or artificial light (e.g. tanning lamps) during treatment and for one day after removal of the medicated plaster, in order to reduce the risk of sensitivity to light.

Children and adolescents

This medicine should not be used by children or adolescents under the age of 16 years.

Other medicines and Nurofen Durance Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken, or might take any other medicines especially if you are taking any of the following:

- medicines to lower blood pressure
- medicines to thin the blood e.g. warafin.
- · acetylsalicylic acid or other NSAIDs used for inflammation and pain

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Do not use this medicine if you are in the last 3 months of pregnancy.

If you are in the first 6 months of pregnancy speak to your doctor before using this medicine.

No harmful effects are known when using this medicine whilst breast-feeding. However, as a precautionary measure do not apply a medicated plaster directly on to the breast if you are breast-feeding.

Medicines such as ibuprofen may temporarily affect fertility in women. However this is reversible on stopping treatment. It is unlikely that the occasional use of this medicine will affect your chances of becoming pregnant; however, tell your doctor before taking this medicine if you have problems becoming pregnant.

Driving and using machines None known.

3 HOW TO USE NUROFEN DURANCE

Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Recommended dose Adults and adolescents aged 16 years and over:

One dose is equal to one medicated plaster. The maximum dose for a single 24 hour period is one medicated plaster.

Do not use this medicine in children or adolescents under 16 years.

For cutaneous use on intact skin. It is recommended to carefully wash and dry the area to be treated before applying

The plaster can be applied at any time during the day or night, but should be removed and a new plaster re-applied at the same time on the following day.

The plaster is flexible and conformable, and if necessary can be applied on or near a joint and will allow for normal movement.

Do not:

- cut the plaster, it should be used whole.
- apply to broken or damaged skin.
- · cover with other plasters or
- non-breathable dressings/bandages
- get the plaster wet

Method of application:

- 1. To remove a medicated plaster, tear or cut along the dotted line on the
- 2. Remove the plastic film marked (A) and place the adhesive strip over the middle of the pain area.
- 3. Remove plastic film marked (B) and stretching slightly, smooth this part of the medicated plaster onto your skin.
- 4. Remove plastic film marked (C). 5. Stretching slightly, smooth the rest of
- the medicated plaster onto your skin.

Duration of Treatment

You should use as few doses as you need for the shortest time necessary to relieve your symptoms. Do not use this medicine for more than 5 days unless instructed to do so by your doctor.

If you use more Nurofen Durance than you should

Accidental overdose with the medicated plaster is unlikely.

Seek medical advice. Signs of overdose may include feeling sick or being sick, stomach ache or more rarely, diarrhoea. Ringing in the ears, headache and gastrointestinal bleeding is also possible. If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4 POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

STOP USING this medicine and contact a doctor immediately if you develop:

- signs of an allergic reaction such as asthma, unexplained wheezing or shortness of breath, itching, runny nose, or skin rashes.
- signs of hypersensitivity and skin reactions such as redness, swelling, peeling, blistering, flaking or ulceration

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following effects or any effects not listed:

Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data) skin reactions such as redness,

- burning, itching, blistering, sore or weeping · asthma, difficulty breathing, shortness
- of breath · stomach pain or other stomach
- problems
- kidney problems

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via HPRA Pharmacovigilance, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL-Dublin 2. Tel: +353 1 6764971; Fax: +353 1 6762517.

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5 HOW TO STORE NUROFEN **DURANCE**

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the sachet and carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not store above 25°C (2 patches per sachet). Do not store above 30°C (4 patches per sachet). Store in the original package in order to protect from

Shelf-life after first opening of the sachet: 6 months. Do not flush the used plaster down the toilet.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6 CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION What Nurofen Durance contains:

The active substance is ibuprofen. One medicated plaster contains 200mg of

The other ingredients are: Adhesive layer: Macrogol 400, Macrogol 20000, Levo-Menthol, Styrene-Isoprene-Styrene Block Copolymer, Polyisobutylene, Hydrogenated Rosin Glycerol Ester, Liquid Paraffin, Backing layer:Woven Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Release liner: Silicone coated Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET).

What Nurofen Durance looks like and contents of the pack

The medicated plaster is comprised of colourless, self-adhesive formulation layer mounted onto a 10cm by 14cm flexible flesh-coloured woven support, with a release liner.

Pack size: 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 medicated plasters.

Each sachet contains 2 or 4 medicated plasters.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed. **Marketing Authorisation Holder**

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