

Gloxen

Naproxen BP

Presentation:

Gloxen-250: Each enteric-coated tablet contains naproxen BP 250 mg.

Gloxen-500: Each enteric-coated tablet contains naproxen BP 500 mg.

Uses:

Naproxen is indicated for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, acute gout and acute musculoskeletal disorders (such as sprains and strains, trauma, lumbosacral pain, cervical spondylitis and fibrositis) and dysmenorrhea.

Dosage and administration:

Rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and ankylosing spondylitis: 250 to 500 mg twice daily. May be increased to 1.50 gm for limiting periods. Morning and evening doses do not have to be equal. Symptomatic arthritis improvement usually begins in 2 weeks, if no improvement is seen; consider a trial for 2 more weeks. Mild to moderate pain, dysmenorrhea: 500 mg initially, followed by 250 mg every 6 to 8 hours as required. Do not exceed a 1.375 gm total daily dose.

Acute gout: 750 mg then 250 mg every 8 hours until attack subsides.

Juvenile arthritis (children over 5 years): 10 mg / kg daily in two divided doses is recommended.

Precautions:

Naproxen should be given under close supervision to patients with a history of gastrointestinal disease. Bronchospasm may be precipitated in patients suffering from, or with history of bronchial asthma or allergic disease. It should be used with great caution in patients with impaired renal function and the monitoring of serum creatinine clearance is advised in these patients. Naproxen is not recommended in patients having baseline creatinine clearance less than 20 ml/min.

Contraindications:

Naproxen should not be given to patient with a history of hypersensitivity to aspirin or any other NSAIDs - which includes those in whom attacks of asthma, angioedema, urticaria or rhinitis have been precipitated by aspirin or any other NSAIDs.

Side effects:

Gastrointestinal: The more frequent reactions are nausea, vomiting, and abdominal discomfort. More serious reactions, which may occur occasionally, are gastrointestinal bleeding, peptic ulceration and colitis.

Dermatological hypersensitivity: Skin rashes, urticaria, angioedema, anaphylactic reactions to naproxen. **CNS:** Headache, insomnia. Thrombocytopenia, granulocytopenia may occur rarely.

Drug interactions:

Naproxen can reduce the anti-hypertensive effect of propranolol and other beta-blockers. Probenecid given concurrently increases naproxen plasma levels and extends its half-life considerably. Concurrent administration of methotrexate may enhance its toxicity due to reduced tubular secretion.

Use in pregnancy and lactation:

There are no well-controlled studies in pregnant women. The drug should not be used during pregnancy unless clearly needed. Because of the possible adverse effects of prostaglandin inhibiting drugs on neonates, use in nursing mothers must be avoided.

Packing:

Gloxen-250: Each box contains 3 x 10 tablets in Alu-blister strip.

Gloxen-500: Each box contains 5 x 6 tablets in Alu-Alu strip.

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