



PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

1. Product Name

Brand Name: Voltaren Emulgel
Generic Name: Diclofenac Diethylamine 1.16% w/w gel

2. Qualitative & Quantitative Composition

Each 1g of Voltaren Emulgel contains:
Diclofenac diethylamine 1.16% w/w equivalent to Diclofenac sodium 1% w/w.

3. Dosage Form and Strength

Diclofenac Diethylamine 1.16% w/w topical gel

4. Clinical Information

4.1 Indications:

Voltaren Emulgel is an anti-inflammatory and analgesic preparation for topical application.

Local symptomatic relief of:

- Soft tissue rheumatism (eg: tendonitis, shoulder-hand syndrome, bursitis and periarthritis).
- Rheumatic disease (eg: osteo-arthritis of the spine and peripheral joints).
- Post traumatic inflammation of the tendons, ligaments, muscle and joints (sprains, strains and muscle pain).

4.2 Dosage regimen and method of administration

For use only on the skin. Adults and adolescents aged 12 years and over:

Voltaren Emulgel should be applied over the affected area 3 or 4 times daily and rubbed gently into the skin. The amount needed depends on the size of the painful area: 2 g to 4 g Voltaren Emulgel (a quantity ranging in size from a cherry to a walnut) is sufficient to treat an area of about 400-800 cm². After application, the hands should be washed, unless they are the site being treated.

Do not use for more than:

- 2 weeks for muscle and joint injuries (e.g. sprains, strains, bruises) or tendonitis.
- 3 weeks for arthritis pain without consulting a doctor or pharmacist.

Use no more than is required for shortest period of time needed. If the pain and swelling do not improve within 7 days, or if they get worsen, consult the doctor.

4.3 Contra-indications

Do not take if you:

- are allergic to diclofenac or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines (ibuprofen or aspirin) used to treat pain, fever or inflammation or any of the other ingredients contained in this medicine. If you are not sure, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction to these medicines may include: wheezing or shortness of breath (asthma); skin rash with blisters or hives; swelling of the face or tongue; runny nose.)

- If you are in the last 3 months of pregnancy

4.4 Warnings and Precautions

Do not apply to skin with conditions such as cuts, open wounds, or on skin that has a rash or eczema. Discontinue the treatment if a skin rash develops after applying the product.

Do not use more product than directed or for a longer period of time than directed, unless told by your doctor.

Do not use in the mouth. Do not swallow. Wash your hands after use. Be careful not to get this medicine in your eyes. If this happens, rinse your eyes well with clean water. See your doctor or pharmacist if any discomfort persists.

Before a wrap commonly used for injuries such as sprains can be used but do not use under airtight (plastic) bandages.

Voltaren Emulgel contains propylene glycol esters, which may cause mild, localised skin irritation in some people.

4.5 Adverse effects

When using this product, you may experience:

- Skin rash with or without blisters; hives; wheezing, shortness of breath or feeling of tightness in the chest (asthma); swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat; itching or reddening of the skin.

- The skin may be more sensitive to sunlight (sun or tanning both). Possible signs are sunburn with itching, swelling and blistering.

4.6 Drug interactions

Tell your doctor or pharmacist before use if you are taking, or have recently taken, any regular medication on prescription or over the counter products.

4.7 Fertility, Pregnancy and Lactation

- Use only on advice of your doctor before use if you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby.

- Do not if you are in the last 3 months of pregnancy, as it could harm your unborn child or cause problems at delivery.

4.8 Overdose

If you swallow this medicine: Seek medical advice immediately.

The low systemic absorption of diclofenac when applied topically makes overdose more unlikely.

Treatment of overdose

In the event of accidental ingestion, resulting in significant systemic adverse effects, general therapeutic measures normally adopted to treat poisoning with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines should be used.

Further management should be as clinically indicated or as recommended by the national poisons centres where available.

5. Pharmacology

5.1 Pharmacological action

Voltaren Emulgel is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory topical gel

5.2 Mechanism of action

Diclofenac is a potent non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) with effective analgesic, anti-inflammatory and antipyretic properties. Diclofenac exerts its therapeutic effects primarily through inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis.

5.3 Relevant pharmacokinetic data

Absorption: The quantity of diclofenac absorbed through the skin is proportional to the size of the treated area, and depends on both the total dose applied and the degree of skin hydration. Absorption amounts to about 6% of the applied dose of diclofenac after topical application of 2.5 g Voltaren Emulgel on 500 cm² skin, determined by total renal elimination, compared with Voltaren tablets. A 10-hour occlusion leads to a three-fold increase in the amount of diclofenac absorbed.

Distribution: 99.7% of diclofenac is bound to serum proteins, mainly albumin (99.4%).

Diclofenac concentrations have been measured from plasma, synovial tissue and synovial fluid after topical administration of a diclofenac diethylamine gel to hand and knee joints. Maximum plasma concentrations are approximately 100 times lower than after oral administration of the same quantity of diclofenac.

Diclofenac accumulates in the skin which acts as reservoir from where there is a sustained release of drug into underlying tissues. From the skin and underlying tissue, diclofenac preferentially distributes and persists in deep inflamed tissues (such as the joint), rather than in the bloodstream. Diclofenac is found in tissues at concentrations up to 20 times higher than in plasma.

Metabolism: The biotransformation of diclofenac involves single and multiple hydroxylation steps followed by glucuronidation, and glucuronidation of the intact molecule.

Elimination: Diclofenac and its metabolites are excreted mainly in the urine.

The total systemic clearance of diclofenac from plasma is 263 ± 56 ml/min. The terminal plasma half-life is 1-2 hours. Four of the metabolites, including the two active ones, also have short plasma half-lives of 1-3 hours. One metabolite, 3'-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-diclofenac, has a longer half-life but is virtually inactive.

Special Patient Populations

Renal and hepatic impairment

No accumulation of diclofenac and its metabolites is to be expected in patients suffering from renal impairment. In patients with chronic hepatitis or non-compensated cirrhosis, the kinetics and metabolism of diclofenac are the same as in patients without liver disease.

6. Pharmaceutical Particulars

6.1 Incompatibilities

Not applicable

6.2 Shelf life:

36 months from the date of manufacture.

6.3 Storage condition:

Protect from heat. Do not store above 30°C.

6.4 Package size

Tubes of 20 and 50 g.

6.5 Product description

Voltaren Emulgel is a colourless fatty emulsion in an aqueous gel filled and sealed in a laminate tube

6.6 Manufacturer

GSK Consumer Healthcare S.A.,
Route de l'Etraz 2, CH-1260 Nyon,
Switzerland.

6.7 Marketed by:

SmithKline Beecham (Pvt) Ltd,
Level 34, West Tower, World Trade Centre, Echelon Square,
Colombo 01, Sri Lanka.



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