

Information for the user

Boots Ibuprofen 200 mg Liquid Capsules

Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.

This medicine is available without prescription to treat minor conditions. However, you still need to take it carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet, you may need to read it again
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice

What this medicine is for

This medicine contains ibuprofen which belongs to a group of medicines called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines, which act to relieve pain and reduce swelling. It can be used to relieve headaches, rheumatic and muscular pain, backache, migraine, period pain, dental pain and neuralgia. It can also be used to reduce fever and relieve the symptoms of colds and flu.

Before you take this medicine

This medicine can be taken by adults and children aged 12 years and over. However, some people should not take this medicine or should seek the advice of their pharmacist or doctor first.

X Do not take:

- **If you have a stomach ulcer, perforation or bleeding stomach**, or have had one in the past
- **If you have had perforation or a bleeding stomach** after taking a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicine (you may have been sick and it contained blood or dark particles that look like coffee grounds, passed blood in your stools or passed black tarry stools)
- **If you are allergic** to ibuprofen or any other ingredients of the product, aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines (you have ever had asthma, runny nose, itchy skin or swelling of the lips, face or throat after taking these medicines)
- **If you are taking aspirin with a daily dose above 75 mg**, or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines
- **If you have severe heart, kidney or liver failure**
- **If you have an intolerance to some sugars**, unless your doctor tells you to (this medicine contains sorbitol)
- **If you are pregnant**, and in the last 3 months of pregnancy

! Talk to your pharmacist or doctor:

- If you have asthma, a history of asthma or other allergic disease, bowel problems, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease
- If you have other kidney, heart or liver problems (see "Do not take")
- If you are allergic to any other painkillers
- If you are taking any other painkillers or receiving regular treatment from your doctor
- If you have a connective tissue disorder such as SLE (Systemic Lupus Erythematosus)
- If you are elderly – you may get more side effects (see back of leaflet)
- If you have had a stroke, or have heart problems, high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, or you smoke – see '**Risk of heart attack or stroke**' below
- If you are pregnant, and in the first 6 months of pregnancy

Other important information

Risk of heart attack or stroke: Ibuprofen may increase the risk if you take large amounts for a long time. The risk is small. Take the lowest amount for the shortest possible time to reduce this risk.

Breastfeeding: You can use this medicine.

Woman of childbearing age: If you take this medicine, it may reduce your ability to become pregnant. This effect will be reversed when you stop taking the medicine.

Information about some of the ingredients: The colour ponceau 4R (E124) in this medicine may cause allergic reactions.

If you take other medicines

Before you take these capsules, make sure that you tell your pharmacist about ANY other medicines you might be using at the same time, particularly the following:

- Other painkillers
- Aspirin 75 mg (to prevent heart attacks and strokes) – the protection may be reduced when you take ibuprofen
- Medicines to thin your blood (e.g. warfarin, ticlopidine)
- Mifepristone (for termination of pregnancy) – do not take ibuprofen if you have taken mifepristone in the last 12 days
- Water tablets (diuretics), medicines for heart problems
- Medicines to treat high blood pressure (e.g. captopril, atenolol, losartan)
- Corticosteroids (for pain and swelling)
- Lithium (for bipolar disorder)
- Methotrexate (for cancer, psoriasis, or rheumatism)
- Zidovudine (for HIV infection)
- Quinolone antibiotics (for infections)
- Medicines for depression
- Ciclosporin or tacrolimus (given after transplant surgery, or for psoriasis or rheumatism)

If you are unsure about interactions with any other medicines, talk to your pharmacist.

This includes medicines prescribed by your doctor and medicine you have bought for yourself, including herbal and homeopathic remedies.

✓ How to take this medicine

Check the foil is not broken before first use. If it is, do not take that capsule.

Age	How many to take	How often to take them
Adults and children of 12 years and over	One or two capsules	Every 4 hours, if you need to. Don't take more than 6 capsules in 24 hours.
Take the lowest amount for the shortest possible time to relieve your symptoms		

Swallow each capsule with water. Do not chew.

Do not give to children under 12 years.

Do not take more than the amount recommended above.

If your symptoms worsen at any time, talk to your doctor.

If your symptoms do not go away within 10 days, talk to your doctor.

! If you take too many capsules: Talk to a doctor straight away. Take your medicine and this leaflet with you.

Possible side effects

Most people will not have problems, but some may get some.

If you are elderly you may be more likely to have some of these side effects.

! If you get any of these serious side effects, stop taking the capsules. See a doctor at once:

- You are sick and it contains blood or dark particles that look like coffee grounds
- Pass blood in your stools or pass black tarry stools
- Stomach problems including pain, indigestion or heartburn
- Allergic reactions such as skin rash (which can sometimes be severe and include peeling and blistering of the skin), swelling of the face, neck or throat, worsening of asthma, difficulty in breathing
- Meningitis (e.g. stiff neck, fever, disorientation)

These other effects are less serious. If they bother you talk to a pharmacist:

- Kidney problems, which may lead to kidney failure
- Feeling sick, being sick
- Headache
- High blood pressure, heart failure
- Fluid retention, which may cause swelling of the limbs
- Rarely, diarrhoea, wind, constipation, liver problems, worsening of colitis or Crohn's disease
- Very rarely, tiredness or severe exhaustion, changes in the blood which may cause unusual bruising and an increase in the number of infections that you get (e.g. sore throats, mouth ulcers, flu-like symptoms)
- A small increased risk of heart attack or stroke if you take large amounts for a long time

If any side effect becomes severe, or you notice any side effect not listed here, please tell your pharmacist or doctor.

How to store this medicine

Do not store above 25°C.

Store in the original package.

Keep this medicine in a safe place out of the sight and reach of children, preferably in a locked cupboard.

Use by the date on the end flap of the carton.

What is in this medicine

Each soft gelatin capsule contains Ibuprofen 200 mg, which is the active ingredient.

As well as the active ingredient, the capsules also contain macrogol 600, potassium hydroxide, gelatine, sorbitol, purified water, titanium dioxide, isopropyl alcohol, propylene glycol, hypromellose and ponceau 4R (E124).

The pack contains 16 red soft gelatin capsules.

Who makes this medicine

Manufactured for The Boots Company PLC Nottingham NG2 3AA by the Marketing Authorisation holder Banner Pharmacaps Europe B.V. PO Box 5037 5004 EA Tilburg The Netherlands

Leaflet prepared February 2011

If you would like any further information about this medicine, please contact The Boots Company PLC Nottingham NG2 3AA

Other formats

To request a copy of this leaflet in Braille, large print or audio please call, free of charge:
0800 198 5000 (UK only)

Please be ready to give the following information:

Product Name: Boots Ibuprofen 200 mg Liquid Capsules

Reference number: 14338/0001

This is a service provided by the Royal National Institute for Blind People.

4080aEMC.doc

BTC80361 vs C