

## **ULCOX 120 Tablet**

**COMPOSITION:** Each tablet of Ulcox 120 contains

Etoricoxib (120 mg)

### **STORAGE**

- Store below 30°C
- Store in a cool & dry place away from direct sunlight
- Keep it out of reach of children

### **PRODUCT INTRODUCTION**

Ulcox 120 Tablet is a pain-relieving medicine. It is used for relieving moderate pain and swelling of joints associated with different forms of gout and arthritis. It effectively alleviates pain, redness, and swelling.

Ulcox 120 Tablet should be taken in the dose and duration as advised by your doctor. Ulcox 120 Tablet may be taken with or without food, but it is better to take it at a fixed time.

Flu-like symptoms, indigestion, stomach pain, and diarrhea are some of the side effects that might be seen with this medicine. It may cause dizziness and fatigue. You should not drive or do anything requiring concentration until you know how it affects you. It is potentially unsafe to take it during pregnancy. Inform your doctor if you have a history of stomach ulcers, heart diseases, high blood pressure, and liver or kidney disease.

### **USES OF ULCOX TABLET**

- Pain relief

### **BENEFITS OF ULCOX TABLET**

#### **In Pain relief**

Ulcox 120 Tablet is used for short-term relief of pain, inflammation, and swelling in conditions that affect joints and muscles. It works by blocking chemical messengers in the brain that tell us we have pain. It can help relieve pain in conditions like rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis or even after a dental (tooth-related) surgery.

Take it as it is prescribed to get the most benefit. Do not take more or for longer than needed as that can be dangerous. In general, you should take the lowest dose that works, for the shortest possible time. This will help you to go about your daily activities more easily and have a better, more active, quality of life.

### **SIDE EFFECTS OF ULCOX TABLET**

Most side effects do not require any medical attention and disappear as your body adjusts to the medicine. Consult your doctor if they persist or if you're worried about them

### Common side effects of ULCOX Tablet

- Oral Ulcer
- Bronchospasm
- Increased Liver Enzymes
- Esophagitis
- Stomach Pain
- Diarrhea

### HOW TO USE ULCOX TABLET

Take this medicine in the dose and duration as advised by your doctor. Swallow it as a whole. Do not chew, crush or break it. Ulcox 120 Tablet may be taken with or without food, but it is better to take it at a fixed time.

### HOW ULCOX TABLET WORKS

Ulcox 120 Tablet is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) called COX-2 inhibitors. It works by blocking the release of certain chemical messengers that are responsible for pain and inflammation (redness and swelling).

### SAFETY ADVICE



#### Alcohol

**UNSAFE**

It is unsafe to consume alcohol with Ulcox 120 Tablet.



#### Pregnancy

**CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR**

Ulcox 120 Tablet may be unsafe to use during pregnancy. Although there are limited studies in humans, animal studies have shown harmful effects on the developing baby. Your doctor will weigh the benefits and any potential risks before prescribing it to you. Please consult your doctor.



#### Breast feeding

**CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR**

Information regarding the use of Ulcox 120 Tablet during breastfeeding is not available. Please consult your doctor.



#### Driving

**UNSAFE**

Ulcox 120 Tablet may decrease alertness, affect your vision or make you feel sleepy and dizzy. Do not drive if these symptoms occur.



### Kidney

#### CAUTION

Ulcox 120 Tablet should be used with caution in patients with kidney disease. Dose adjustment of Ulcox 120 Tablet may be needed. Please consult your doctor.

Use of Ulcox 120 Tablet is not recommended in patients with severe kidney disease.



### Liver

#### CAUTION

Ulcox 120 Tablet should be used with caution in patients with liver disease. Dose adjustment of Ulcox 120 Tablet may be needed. Please consult your doctor.

Use of Ulcox 120 Tablet is not recommended in patients with severe liver disease.

### WHAT IF YOU FORGET TO TAKE ULCOX TABLET?

If you miss a dose of Ulcox 120 Tablet, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not double the dose.

## Quick Facts

- Ulcox 120 Tablet helps relieve pain and inflammation.
- It may cause fewer stomach problems as compared to other NSAIDs like Ibuprofen or Naproxen.
- It may cause dizziness and fatigue. Do not drive or do anything requiring concentration until you know how it affects you.
- Do not consume alcohol while on treatment with this medicine as it may cause excessive drowsiness.
- Regularly monitor your blood pressure while taking this medicine, particularly in the first two weeks after starting treatment.
- Inform your doctor if you have a history of stomach ulcers, heart diseases, high blood pressure, and liver or kidney disease.
- During long-term treatment, your doctor may want to take regular blood tests to monitor your liver function.
- Do not take Ulcox 120 Tablet if you are pregnant, planning to conceive, or breastfeeding.

## FAQs

Q. What is Ulcox 120 Tablet used for?

Ulcox 120 Tablet is used to reduce the pain and swelling (inflammation) in the joints and muscles of people 16 years of age and older with rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis and gout. Ulcox 120 Tablet is also used for the short term treatment of moderate pain after dental surgery in people 16 years of age and older.

Q. Is Ulcox 120 Tablet helpful in relieving stomach pain?

No, Ulcox 120 Tablet should not be taken for stomach pain without consulting a physician. This drug can increase stomach acid secretion which may aggravate an unknown underlying condition.

Q. Can the use of Ulcox 120 Tablet cause damage to kidneys?

Yes, the long-term use of Ulcox 120 Tablet can cause damage to the kidneys. Normal kidneys produce a chemical called prostaglandins that protect the kidneys from damage. Use of painkillers lowers the levels of prostaglandins in the body, leading to kidney damage because of long-term use. Therefore, the use of painkillers is not recommended in patients with underlying kidney disease.

Q. Can Ulcox 120 Tablet cause high blood pressure?

Yes. Ulcox 120 Tablet can increase blood pressure in some people, especially in high doses, and your doctor may advise you to check your blood pressure at home or even monitor it from time to time. If you have high blood pressure that has not been controlled by treatment, you must inform your doctor before starting treatment with Ulcox 120 Tablet, to avoid any mishap.

Q. Is it safe to use Ulcox 120 Tablet?

Ulcox 120 Tablet is safe for most patients. However, in some patients, it may cause some unwanted side effects like nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, fatigue, diarrhea, etc. Inform your doctor if you experience any persistent problem due to this medication.

Q. Can I stop taking Ulcox 120 Tablet when my pain is relieved?

Ulcox 120 Tablet should be continued as advised by your doctor, if you are using the medicine for a condition associated with long-term pain. It can be discontinued if you are using it for short-term pain relief.

Q. Can the use of Ulcox 120 Tablet cause nausea and vomiting?

Yes, the use of Ulcox 120 Tablet may cause nausea and vomiting. Taking it with milk, food or antacids can prevent nausea. Avoid taking fatty or fried foods along with this medication. In case of vomiting, drink plenty of water or other fluids by taking small frequent sips. Talk to your doctor if vomiting persists and you notice signs of dehydration, like dark colored and strong-smelling urine or a low frequency of urination. Do not take any other medicines without speaking to your doctor.

Q. Can the use of Ulcox 120 Tablet cause dizziness?

Yes, the use of Ulcox 120 Tablet can cause dizziness (feeling faint, weak, unsteady or lightheaded) in some patients. If you feel dizzy or lightheaded, do not drive or use any machines. It is better to rest for sometime and resume once you feel better.

Q. Are there any specific contraindications associated with the use of Ulcox 120 Tablet?

The use of Ulcox 120 Tablet is considered to be harmful for patients with known allergy to any of the components of this medicine. It should be avoided in patients with known allergy to other painkillers (NSAIDs). The use of this medicine should preferably be avoided in patients with a history of stomach ulcers or in patients with active or recurrent stomach ulcer/bleeding. It should also be avoided in patients with a history of heart failure, high blood pressure, and liver or kidney disease.

Q. Is it safe to take a higher than the recommended dose of Ulcox 120 Tablet ?

No, taking a higher than the recommended dose of Ulcox 120 Tablet can increase the risks of side effects like stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, indigestion and diarrhea. In fact, using this medicine for a

long-term can also damage your kidneys on long-term use. If you are experiencing increased severity of pain or if the pain is not relieved by the recommended doses of this medicine, please consult your doctor for re-evaluation.

Q. How long do I need to take Ulcox 120 Tablet?

You need to take Ulcox 120 Tablet as long as your doctor recommends taking it. For dental pain, it is usually prescribed for 3 days, but if it is being used for acute pain conditions then it should be given as long as the pain lasts and not exceeding 8 days. Usually, for arthritis, it is prescribed for long-term use, which may vary from person to person.

Q. How should Ulcox 120 Tablet be taken?

Take Ulcox 120 Tablet exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Swallow it whole with a glass of water. Ulcox 120 Tablet can be taken with or without food. Taking the medicine without food can enhance the working of the medicine. Furthermore, do not exceed the dose recommended by your doctor.

Q. Does Ulcox 120 Tablet cause sleepiness?

In some patients Ulcox 120 Tablet causes sleepiness, feeling of spinning (vertigo), and dizziness. If one experiences these symptoms then driving or operating machinery should be avoided.

Q. Does Ulcox 120 Tablet have any effect on birth control pills?

Taking Ulcox 120 Tablet with birth control pills and hormonal replacement therapy may increase the chances of side effects. Hence, consult the doctor who will suggest an alternative method of birth control.

Q. Can I take aspirin while taking Ulcox 120 Tablet?

Aspirin can be taken in low doses when you are using it for the prevention of stroke and heart attack. You should not stop low-dose aspirin without talking to your doctor. It is advised that while taking Ulcox 120 Tablet you should not take high doses of aspirin and other anti-inflammatory medicines, as they may increase your risk of stomach ulcers.

Q. How long does Ulcox 120 Tablet take to work?

Pain relief has been observed after about 4 hours of starting Ulcox 120 Tablet. Full effect may take a little longer and may vary from person to person.

Q. Is Ulcox 120 Tablet a painkiller?

Yes, Ulcox 120 Tablet is a pain killer. It helps to reduce pain and inflammation in the joints and muscles due to osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, and gout. It is also used to relieve dental pain after dental surgery.

Q. Is Ulcox 120 Tablet bad for kidneys?

People with impaired kidney function or with severe heart failure or severe liver problems (liver cirrhosis) need to be careful while taking Ulcox 120 Tablet since the medicine can further impair the function. The uncommon side effects of Ulcox 120 Tablet related to kidneys include proteins in urine, serum creatinine increased, and kidney failure.