**Inflammation**

Differences in anti-inflammatory activity

between NSAIDs are small, but there is

considerable variation in individual

response and tolerance to these drugs.

About 60% of patients will respond to any

NSAID; of the others, those who do not

respond to one may well respond to

another. Pain relief starts soon after taking

the first dose and a full analgesic effect

should normally be obtained within a

week, whereas an anti-inflammatory effect

may not be achieved (or may not be

clinically assessable) for up to 3 weeks. If

appropriate responses are not obtained

within these times, another NSAID should

be tried.[28]