

ANALGESIC MEDICATIONS (REFERENCE)

MELOXICAM

COX-2 inhibitor non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent (NSAIA) for analgesia and fever reduction

Used by All Service Members (ASM), Combat Lifesavers (CLS) and Combat Medics (CM)

For mild to moderate pain management with a casualty that is still able to fight.

DOSAGE(S):

15 mg PO daily

ROUTE(S):

PO

CONTRA-INDICATIONS:

NSAIA or salicylate hypersensitivity, asthma, severe renal or hepatic disease, potential benefits may warrant use of the drug in pregnant women despite potential risks if the alternative is worse

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

Edema, flu-like syndrome, abdominal pain, diarrhea, dyspepsia, nausea, ulceration, GI bleed, anemia, headache or insomnia

DRUG INTERACTIONS:

Decreased effect of ACE inhibitors and diuretics, increased lithium levels and toxicity, increased GI bleed risk with aspirin and warfarin

ONSET/PEAK/DURATION: 30-60 min/5-6 hr/20-24 hr

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Minimal to no mission impact; DO NOT give to K-9 casualties.

