

Blooms Celecoxib

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I using Blooms Celecoxib?

Blooms Celecoxib contains the active ingredient celecoxib. Blooms Celecoxib is used to relieve pain and inflammation in a number of conditions such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, menstrual cramps or period pain and muscle and joint injuries.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using Blooms Celecoxib?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I use Blooms Celecoxib?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to celecoxib or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use Blooms Celecoxib?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Blooms Celecoxib and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How do I use Blooms Celecoxib?

- Swallow the capsules whole with a full glass of water.
- Blooms Celecoxib can be taken with or without food.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use Blooms Celecoxib?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using Blooms Celecoxib?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using Blooms Celecoxib.• If you become pregnant while taking Blooms Celecoxib, tell your doctor immediately.• If you develop any skin rash (e.g. hives, spots) while being treated with Blooms Celecoxib, contact your doctor immediately.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not give Blooms Celecoxib to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.• Do not use Blooms Celecoxib to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.
Drinking alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store capsules below 30°C.• Do not store Blooms Celecoxib in the bathroom, near a sink or leave in the car on hot days.• Keep your capsules in their blister pack until it is time to take them.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using Blooms Celecoxib?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following: Stomach pain, diarrhoea, indigestion, wind, swollen hands, ankles and feet, unexplained weight gain, dizziness, sore throat, runny nose, sinusitis and upper respiratory tract infection.

Tell your doctor immediately or go to the Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital if you notice any of the following: Signs of allergic reaction such as wheezing, swelling of the face, lips, mouth, tongue or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing; skin rash, hives, raised red, itchy spots, blistering & bleeding in the lips, eyes, mouth, nose and genitals, swelling, peeling skin, diarrhoea, aching joints and muscles, collapse or fainting, shortness of breath or tiredness, irregular heartbeat, chest pain, swollen or sore leg veins; severe stomach or throat pain, vomiting blood or black sticky bowel motions; nausea, lethargy, flu-like symptoms or yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice); severe or persistent headache, fever, stiff neck, sensitivity to light and vomiting; sudden severe headache, loss of consciousness, sudden tingling, numbness or paralysis on one side the face, arm, leg or body, difficulty speaking, understanding, reading or writing, loss of coordination or balance. **This is not a complete list of possible side effects.**

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

Blooms Celecoxib

Active ingredient(s): *celecoxib*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Blooms Celecoxib. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Blooms Celecoxib.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using Blooms Celecoxib?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use Blooms Celecoxib?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use Blooms Celecoxib?](#)
- [5. What should I know while using Blooms Celecoxib?](#)
- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
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1. Why am I using Blooms Celecoxib?

Blooms Celecoxib contains the active ingredient celecoxib. Blooms Celecoxib belongs to a group of medicines called coxibs which are used to relieve pain and inflammation in a number of conditions.

Blooms Celecoxib is used to relieve the symptoms of joint pain, tenderness, swelling and stiffness in:

- osteoarthritis,
- rheumatoid arthritis and
- ankylosing spondylitis, a chronic inflammatory rheumatic disorder that primarily affects, but is not limited to, the spine.

Blooms Celecoxib also provides short-term pain relief in conditions such as:

- menstrual cramps or period pain
- after surgery
- muscle and joint injuries.

Although Blooms Celecoxib can relieve the symptoms of pain and inflammation, it will not cure your condition.

Your doctor, however, may have prescribed Blooms Celecoxib for another purpose.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why Blooms Celecoxib has been prescribed for you.

Blooms Celecoxib is not recommended for use in children or adolescents under 18 years of age.

2. What should I know before I use Blooms Celecoxib?

Warnings

Do not use Blooms Celecoxib if:

- you are allergic to celecoxib, sulfonamides (a group of medicines which include, for example, certain antibiotics), if you are not sure if you are taking one of these medicines ask your Pharmacist) or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine. Symptoms of an allergic reaction to these medicines may include:
 - asthma, wheezing or shortness of breath
 - swelling of the face, lips or tongue which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing
 - hives, itching or skin rash
 - fainting.

Always check the ingredients to make sure you can take this medicine.

If you are allergic to sulfonamides or any of the capsule ingredients and take Blooms Celecoxib, these symptoms may be severe

- you suffer from chest pains or angina and they occur even when you are resting and are becoming more frequent, severe, or lasting for longer than usual
- you have or have had problems with your blood circulation
- your doctor has told you that you have severe heart or blood vessel disease affecting the circulation in your brain or limbs
- you have congestive heart failure
- you have had a history of heart attack, a “mini” stroke, stroke or blood vessel disease affecting circulation of blood to your brain or limbs, especially in the last 3 months
- you have an ulcer or gastric bleeding
- you have severe liver problems.
- Your doctor will decide if your condition is too severe to take this medicine.
- you have problems with your kidney function
- you are undergoing cardiac surgery called coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)
- you have had an attack of asthma, hives, itching, skin rash or a runny nose after taking aspirin or Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs, medicines used to treat pain and inflammation), including other coxib medicines

Many medicines used to treat headache, period pain and other aches and pains contain aspirin or an NSAID. Blooms Celecoxib should not be used together with other NSAIDs.

If you are allergic to aspirin, NSAIDs, or other coxib medicines and use Blooms Celecoxib, these symptoms may be severe.

- the expiry date printed on the packaging has passed, even though the capsules may look alright
If you take this medicine after the expiry date has passed, it may not work as well.
- the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

If you are not sure if you should be taking Blooms Celecoxib, talk to your doctor.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you:

- are already taking an NSAID
- have or have had gastric bleeding or an ulcer such as a peptic ulcer (i.e. stomach or duodenal ulcer)
- have Irritable Bowel Disease
- have heart failure or have a history of heart problems
- have had a heart attack, a "mini" stroke or stroke or blood vessel disease affecting circulation of blood to your brain or limbs, especially in the last 3 months.
- are taking Blooms Celecoxib together with any medicines used to treat high blood pressure and some other heart problems such as ACE inhibitors, angiotensin receptor antagonists, beta blockers and diuretics (also called fluid or water tablets)
- When taken together these medicines can cause kidney problems.
- drink large amounts of alcohol
- are a smoker
- have any allergies to any other medicines or any other substances such as foods, preservatives or dyes
- currently have an infection.

If you are given Blooms Celecoxib while you have an infection, it may hide some of the signs of an infection.

- have any other health problems including:
 - high blood pressure
 - high cholesterol levels
 - diabetes
 - problems with the circulation in your limbs
 - fluid retention or other medical conditions that can cause fluid retention
 - liver or kidney problems
 - asthma, hives, itching, skin rash or a runny nose
 - vomiting blood or material that looks like coffee grounds
 - bleeding from the rectum (back passage), have black sticky bowel motions (stools) or bloody diarrhoea
 - bowel problems such as ulcerative colitis.

If you have not told your doctor or pharmacist about these things, tell them before you start taking Blooms Celecoxib.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

NSAIDs, which are related medicines, have been associated with reversible infertility in some women.

Use of NSAIDs in early pregnancy can increase the risk of spontaneous abortion.

There is no information on the use of Blooms Celecoxib during pregnancy.

Blooms Celecoxib may affect your developing baby if taken during pregnancy. Particular caution should be exerted from the twentieth week of the pregnancy.

Blooms Celecoxib use is not recommended in pregnancy unless your doctor considers it essential. If you are taking Blooms Celecoxib while pregnant, you may need to be closely monitored by your doctor. Discuss any questions you may have with your doctor.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Small amounts of celecoxib passes into breast milk, therefore taking Blooms Celecoxib during breast-feeding should be discussed with your doctor.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with Blooms Celecoxib and affect how it works. These include:

- any medicines used to treat high blood pressure and some other heart problems such as ACE inhibitors, angiotensin receptor antagonists, beta blockers or diuretics (also called fluid or water tablets)
- digoxin, a medicine used to treat abnormal heart beats and some other heart problems
- fluconazole, an antifungal agent
- lithium, a medicine used to treat some types of depression
- warfarin or similar medicines including Eliquis (apixaban), Xarelto (rivaroxaban) or Pradaxa (dabigatran), a medicine used to stop blood clots
- aspirin or salicylates, medicines used to treat pain
- antacids, medicines used to treat indigestion
- dextromethorphan, a medicine used to treat dry coughs
- some medicines used to treat diabetes
- methotrexate, a medicine used to treat arthritis and some cancers
- glucocorticoids, medicine used to treat arthritis
- ciclosporin, medicine used to suppress the immune system
- corticosteroids, such as prednisolone, medicines that are used to reduce inflammation
- rifampicin, an antibiotic medicine used to treat bacterial infections
- carbamazepine, an antiepileptic agent
- certain medicines used to treat pain and inflammation called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

Your doctor may need to adjust the dosage of these medicines, or provide additional advice if you are also taking Blooms Celecoxib.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Blooms Celecoxib.

4. How do I use Blooms Celecoxib?

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor or pharmacist carefully.

They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you do not understand the instructions on the label, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

How much to take

Osteoarthritis

- 200 mg once daily or 100 mg twice daily.

Rheumatoid arthritis

- 100 mg twice daily.
- Your doctor may increase the dose to 200 mg twice daily for a short period of time if you have a flare up.

Ankylosing spondylitis

- 100 mg twice daily or 200 mg once daily.

Menstrual cramps or period pain

- 400 mg as a single dose on the first day and 200 mg twice daily on the following days. You may take Blooms Celecoxib for up to 5 days.

Muscle and joint injuries or after surgery

- 400 mg as a first dose followed by 200 mg once or twice daily as required. You may take Blooms Celecoxib for up to 5 days.

How to take Blooms Celecoxib

- Swallow the capsules whole with a full glass of water.
- Blooms Celecoxib can be taken with or without food.

When to take Blooms Celecoxib

- **Take your medicine at about the same time each day.**
Taking it at the same time each day will have the best effect. It will also help you remember when to take it.
- **If you need to take an antacid, take it at least 2 hours before or 2 hours after your dose of Blooms Celecoxib.**

How long to take Blooms Celecoxib

- Depending on your condition, you may need Blooms Celecoxib for a few days or for longer periods.
- Blooms Celecoxib will not cure your condition but should help control pain, swelling and stiffness.
- **Keep taking Blooms Celecoxib for as long as your doctor advises.**
- **Do not exceed the dosage recommended by your doctor.**
Your risk of developing heart or blood vessel disease (e.g. heart attack) may increase with dose and duration of use even if you don't have a history of heart or blood vessel disease.

- **If you need to take Blooms Celecoxib for a long time see your doctor for regular check-ups so that they can monitor your condition and treatment.**

If you forget to use Blooms Celecoxib

Blooms Celecoxib should be used regularly at the same time each day.

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to. Otherwise, take it as soon as you remember, then go back to taking your capsules as you would normally.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose you missed.

If you use too much Blooms Celecoxib

If you think that you have used too much Blooms Celecoxib, you may need urgent medical attention.

Symptoms of an overdose may include:

- feeling tired
- drowsiness
- feeling sick
- vomiting
- stomach pain
- difficulty breathing
- feeling faint

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (**by calling 13 11 26**), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while using Blooms Celecoxib?

Things you should do

- If you become pregnant while taking Blooms Celecoxib, tell your doctor immediately.
- If you are about to start any new medicines, tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking Blooms Celecoxib.
- Tell all doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking Blooms Celecoxib.
- If you are going to have surgery, tell the surgeon or anaesthetist that you are taking Blooms Celecoxib. It may affect other medicines used during surgery.
- If you develop any skin rash (e.g. hives, spots) while being treated with Blooms Celecoxib, contact your doctor immediately.
The onset of these events, if they occur, can occur at any time, but most often occur in the first month of treatment.
- If you are about to have any blood tests, tell your doctor that you are taking this medicine.

Things you should not do

- Do not give Blooms Celecoxib to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.
- Do not use Blooms Celecoxib to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Blooms Celecoxib affects you.

This medicine is not expected to affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery.

Drinking alcohol

Tell your doctor if you drink large amounts of alcohol.

Looking after your medicine

- Store below 30°C
- Keep your capsules in their blister pack until it is time to take them. If you take the capsules out of their container they may not keep well.

Store it in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date, if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Check with your doctor as soon as possible if you have any problems while taking Blooms Celecoxib, even if you do not think the problems are connected with the medicine or are not listed in this leaflet.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects.

You may not get any of them.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
Gut or Gastrointestinal related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stomach pain, diarrhoea, indigestion, wind 	Speak to your doctor if you have any of

Infection related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sore throat, runny nose, sinusitis, upper respiratory tract infection. Others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • swollen hands, ankles and feet, unexplained weight gain • dizziness 	these less serious side effects and they worry you.
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Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
Allergy related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skin rash, including hives, raised red, itchy spots • other signs of allergic reaction such as wheezing, swelling of the face, lips, mouth, tongue or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing Skin related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • blistering and bleeding in the lips, eyes, mouth, nose and genitals • swelling, blistering or peeling of the skin, which may be accompanied by fever, chills, headache, sore throat, diarrhoea, aching joints and muscles Gut or Gastrointestinal related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • severe stomach or throat pain, vomiting blood or black sticky bowel motions Muscles related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • muscles weakness Liver related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nausea, lethargy, itchiness, flu-like symptoms or yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice) Blood related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • signs of anaemia such as tiredness, being short of breath and looking pale • bleeding or bruising more than usual, reddish or purple blotches under the skin Brain or head related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sudden severe headache, loss of consciousness, sudden tingling, numbness or paralysis on one side of the face, arm, leg or body, difficulty speaking, 	Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.

<p>understanding, reading or writing, loss of coordination or balance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • severe or persistent headache, fever, stiff neck, sensitivity to light and vomiting • confusion <p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • loss or deterioration of hearing • redness, irritation or watering of the eye(s) • experience sensations with any of the senses (sight, sound, touch, taste or feel) which may not be real • collapse or fainting, shortness of breath or tiredness, irregular heartbeat, chest pain, swollen or sore leg veins 	
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Not all of these side effects have been reported with celecoxib but have been seen with similar medicines.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What Blooms Celecoxib contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	celecoxib
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lactose monohydrate • sodium lauryl sulfate • carrageenan • cellulose - microcrystalline • silica - colloidal anhydrous • talc - purified • magnesium stearate • gelatin • titanium dioxide • indigo carmine (100 mg capsule) • iron oxide red (200 mg capsule)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iron oxide yellow (200 mg capsule)
Potential allergens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lactose

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What Blooms Celecoxib looks like

Blooms Celecoxib 100 mg – opaque, white and blue capsules. Pack size of 60 capsules (Aust R 406573).

Blooms Celecoxib 200 mg – opaque, white and orange capsules. Pack size of 30 capsules (Aust R 406574).

Who distributes Blooms Celecoxib

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