

SPINE SAFETY NOTICE:

Information for Healthcare Professionals:

Voltaren® (diclofenac sodium enteric-coated tablets)

Important Revisions to the NSAID Medication Guide

According to MedWatch, modifications have been made to the NSAID Medication Guide for Voltaren®. The revised NSAID Medication Guide includes a table detailing NSAID medicines that require a prescription. This table now includes Vicoprofen and states that Vicoprofen contains the same dose of ibuprofen as over-the-counter (OTC) NSAID, and is usually used for less than 10 days to treat pain. The OTC NSAID label warns that long term continuous use may increase the risk of heart attack or stroke.

The complete MedWatch Safety Labeling Changes, including links to prescribing information, are available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/SAFETY/2007/jul07.htm>

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