





Age tailored pain treatment guide

Ask: How old are you?

Assess the risks and benefit associated with patient's age groups prior to prescribing medications for pain.

Children (0-18 years)

Cognitive age: varying pain perception and expression in children leads to inadequate pain assessment¹

Dose adjustment of analgesics is recommended according to the weight of each child²

Adult (19-64 years)

Pain acceptance: when in pain young adult feels more emotional suffering, lifestyle disruption, frustration and anger due to inability to perform their daily task³ may lead to inadequate pain assessment.

Elderly (65+ years)

Pain in older adults is common and management is often more complex because of polypharmacy, changes in pharmacodynamics and cognitive and functional declines⁴

With oral NSAIDs concurrent proton pump inhibitor use suggested to minimize Gastrointestinal adverse events⁵

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OTC analgesics for pain treatment across age groups

Paracetamol Paracetamol Oral NSAIDs Topical NSAIDs combination Paracetamol is antipyretic Paracetamol combinations Oral NSAIDs such as Topical NSAIDS for e.g. and analgesic medication is Ibuprofen, Diclofenac, Diclofenac, indomethacin in with other analgesics such as suitable across age groups, †Oral NSAIDs OR ‡ topical Naproxen etc. are anti-inthe form of gel, spray, patch also recommended for pain NSAIDs OR Opioids have or plasters have low systemic flammatory analgesics are management *when NSAIDs superior effectiveness advised to co prescribed with exposure. Topical NSAIDs are compared to single agents. It are contraindicated. It is best a proton pump inhibitor to best used forused for is best used when pain overcome GI bleeding risk. Age groups intensity increases for--Oral NSAIDs is best used for-◆ Dental pain⁴, Migraine⁶, Fever and mild to moderate Dental pain^{4†} NA Children Pain¹, sore throat pain², Dental pain^{4*}, TTH¹⁰ and Sore throat pain², TTH¹⁰, (0-18 years)Fever and mild to Acute Migraine^{3,10} moderate Pain¹ Acute migraine^{6*}, Knee Dental pain⁴†, LBP¹³†, Dental pain⁴ Migraine⁶, **Adult** OA5, Sore throat pain² Migraine^{14†} and MSK Knee OA5, Sore throat acute LBP9 (19-64 years)pain^{7,15‡}† $pain^2, TTH^{10}$, LBP^8 and PD^{16} Dental pain^{4*}, fever and mild to moderate pain1, and LBP8 Dental Pain⁴, Knee OA⁵, Fever and mild to Dental pain⁴†, and **Elderly** moderate pain¹, Knee OA⁵, MSK Pain7,15‡† Sore throat pain², TTH¹⁰, acute LBP (65+ years) Dental pain^{4*}, Sore throat LBP⁸ and Migraine³ pain², TTH¹⁰,LBP⁸ Migraine³ and MSK¹¹ Avoided in elderly¹² or Avoided or dose See individual medica-Avoided in patients with: adjustment needed in tions e.g. paracetamol or Patients with: Known hypersensitivity elderly¹² or patient with other active ingredients Known hypersensitivity Asthma, angioedema, hepatic impairment, used in the combinations or allergy urticaria, or acute rhinitis renal impairment, also in thereof. Asthma, angioedema, · Risk of skin sensitivity patient with severe urticaria, or acute rhinitis · During the last trimester alcohol use Active gastric or of pregnancy intestinal ulcer Severe cardiac failure Hepatic failure Renal failure · Last trimester of pregnancy Max dose: 4000 mg/kg, Max dose: 4000 mg/kg, Max dose: Ibuprofen: Max dose: Diclofenac Abbreviations:

MSK: Musculoskeletal; OA: Osteoarthritis: LBP: Low Back pain; TTH: Tension type headache and PD: primary dysmenorrhea 2000 mg/kg (elderly or patient with kidney impairment)

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1200 mg/day; Naproxen 1000mg/day; Diclofenac: 150mg/day.

1% or 3% gel: Apply 3-4 times/day up to 7 days9

Text: First-line | Text: Second line | Text: Suitable for

Selection of OTC medication:

Pain relief medications vary widely in their suitability across different age groups.

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Children

- 1. Panadol kids
- 2. Panadol Advance
- 3. Advil kids
- 4. Advil liqui-gel

Adult

- 1. Panadol Joint
- 2. Panadol Extra
- 3. Voltaren 1% & 2% gel
- 4. Advil liqui-gel

Elderly

- 1. Panadol Joint
- 2. Panadol Extra
- 3. Voltaren 1% &2% gel
- 4. Advil liqui-gel

Use OTC cautiously in case of:

- 1. Other concurrent medications, including natural remedies
- Pre-existing medical conditions
- Smoking/alcohol consumption
- Patient >65
- Allergies

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