

CELEBREX® (celecoxib)

GPI CODING:

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DESCRIPTION:

CELEBREX (celecoxib) is a sulfa nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) that is a selective cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor. NSAIDs have anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antipyretic properties as a result of inhibiting COX-1 and COX-2 enzymes, which reduce the synthesis of prostaglandins. By selectively inhibiting COX-2, celecoxib has the potential to cause less gastropathy and risk of gastrointestinal bleeding compared to non-selective COX-2 inhibitors as COX-1 protects the stomach lining from acid. Celecoxib is indicated to treat signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, management of acute pain, treatment of primary dysmenorrhea, and to reduce the number of intestinal polyps in familial adenomatous polyposis.

APPROVAL DURATION:

Approval duration: 12 months

CRITERIA FOR CELEBREX

- I. Patient is not continuing on more than one drug from the same drug class or more than one drug on the duplicate therapy drug list **AND**
- II. Trial (at least 5 days supply) of two Rx NSAIDs or salicylates within previous 180 days **OR**
- III. Patient has familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP)