

TABLE 2. Non-opioid analgesics

Medication	Typical dosage
Nonprostaglandin synthase inhibitor	
Acetaminophen (APAP)	Varies; do not exceed 4,000 mg/day
Carboxylic acids	
Aspirin (inc. buffered and enteric)	2,400 to 4,000 mg per day, divided in 4 to 5 doses
Salsalate (Disalcid)	750 to 1,500 mg, twice daily
Diflunisal (Dolobid)	250 to 1,500 mg, twice daily
Choline magnesium trisalicylate (Trilisate)	1,500 to 3,000 mg per day, in 2 to 3 doses
Propionic acids	
Ibuprofen (Motrin, Rufen, OTC)	Varies; do not exceed 3,200 mg per day
Naproxen, enteric (Naprosyn, Anaprox) <i>(Preferred in this class for patients with risk of CV disease)</i>	250, 375, or 500 mg, twice daily Enteric: 225 mg, twice daily
Fenoprofen (Nalfon)	300 to 600 mg, 4 times per day
Ketoprofen (Orudis, Oruvail)	75 mg, 3 times per day
Flurbiprofen (Ansaid)	100 mg, 2 to 4 times per day
Oxaprozin (Daypro)	600 mg, twice daily
Acetic acid derivatives	
Indomethacin (Indocin, Indocin SR)	25 to 50 mg, 3 to 4 times per day; SR: 75 mg, twice daily; do not exceed 150 mg per day
Diclofenac (Cataflam); diclofenac plus misoprostol (Arthrotec)	Cataflam: 50 to 75 mg, twice daily Arthrotec: 50 mg, twice daily
Etodolac (Lodine)	200 to 300 mg, 2 to 4 times a day; do not exceed 1,200 mg per day
Tolmetin (Tolectin)	800 to 2400 mg per day
Sulindac (Clinoril)	150 to 200 mg, 2 to 3 times per day
Fenamates	
Meclofenamate (Meclomen)	50 to 100 mg, 3 to 4 times per day
Mefenamic acid (Ponstel)	250 mg, 4 times per day
Enolic acids	
Meloxicam (Mobic)	7.5 mg per day
Piroxicam (Feldene)	10 to 20 mg per day
Phenylbutazone (Butazolidin)	100 mg, 3 times per day, up to 600 mg/day
Naphthylkanone derivative	
Nabumetone (Relafen)	500 mg, 2 times per day, up to 1500 mg/day
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Celecoxib (Celebrex) - <i>Generic not avail.</i>	100 to 200 mg per day