



avoided because it may cause premature closure of the ductus arteriosus Labor and Delivery The use of Ketor is contraindicated in labor and delivery because, through its prostaglandin synthesis inhibitory effect, it may adversely affect fetal circulation and inhibit uterine contractions, thus increasing the risk of uterine hemorrhage. Nursing Mothers Exercise caution when ketorolac is administered to a nursing woman. Available information has not shown any specific adverse events in nursing infants; however, instruct patients to contact their infant's health care provider if they note any adverse events. Pediatric Use Ketor is not indicated for use in pediatric patients. The safety and effectiveness of Ketor in pediatric patients below the age of 17 have not been established.

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse reaction rates increase with higher doses of Ketor. Practitioners should be alert for the severe complications of treatment with Ketor, such as GI ulceration, bleeding and perforation, postoperative bleeding, acute renal failure, anaphylactic and anaphylactoid reactions and liver failure.

#### PRECAUTIONS

Ketor cannot be expected to substitute for corticosteroids or to treat corticosteroid insufficiency. Abrupt discontinuation of corticosteroids may lead to disease exacerbation. Patients on prolonged corticosteroid therapy should have their therapy tapered slowly if a decision is made to discontinue corticosteroids. The pharmacological activity of Ketor in reducing inflammation may diminish the utility of this diagnostic sign in detecting complications of presumed noninfectious, painful conditions. Hepatic Effect Ketor should be used with caution in patients with impaired hepatic function or a history of liver disease. Borderline elevations of one or more liver tests may occur in up to 15% of patients taking NSAIDs including Ketor. These laboratory abnormalities may progress, may remain un-changed, or may be transient with continuing therapy.

Hematologic Effect Anemia is sometimes seen in patients receiving NSAIDs, including Ketor. This may be due to fluid retention, occult or gross GI blood loss, or an incompletely described effect upon erythropoiesis. Patients on long-term treatment with NSAIDs, including Ketor, should have their hemoglobin or hematocrit checked if they exhibit any signs or symptoms of anemia. NSAIDs inhibit platelet aggregation and have been shown to prolong bleeding time in some patients. Unlike aspirin, their effect on platelet function is quantitatively less, of shorter duration, and reversible. Patients receiving Ketor who may be adversely affected by alterations in platelet function, such as those with coagulation disorders or patients receiving anticoagulants, should be carefully monitored.

Preexisting Asthma Patients with asthma may have aspirin-sensitive asthma. The use of aspirin in patients with aspirin-sensitive asthma has been associated with severe bronchospasm which can be fatal. Since cross reactivity, including bronchospasm, between aspirin and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs has been reported in such aspirin-sensitive patients, Ketor should not be administered to patients with this form of aspirin sensitivity and should be used with caution in patients with preexisting asthma.

**Drug Interactions:** Ketorolac is highly bound to human plasma protein

(mean 99.2%). There is no evidence in animal or human studies that Ketor induces or inhibits hepatic enzymes capable of metabolizing itself or other drugs. Warfarin, Digoxin, Salicylate, and Heparin The in vitro binding of warfarin to plasma proteins is only slightly re-duced by ketorolac tromethamine (99.5% control vs 99.3%) when ketorolac plasma concentrations reach 5 to 10 g/mL. Ketorolac does not alter digoxin protein binding. In vitro studies indicate that, at therapeutic concentrations of salicylate (300 g/mL), the binding of ketorolac was reduced from approximately 99.2% to 97.5%, representing a potential two fold increase in unbound ketorolac plasma levels. Therapeutic concentrations of digoxin, warfarin, ibuprofen, naproxen, piroxicam, acetaminophen, phenytoin and tolbutamide did not alter ketorolac tromethamine protein binding. In a study involving 12 adult volunteers, Ketor was coadministered with a single dose of 25 mg warfarin, causing no significant changes in pharmacokinetics or pharmacodynamics of warfarin. In another study, ketorolac tromethamine dosed IV or IM was given with two doses of 5000 U of heparin to 11 healthy volunteers, resulting in a mean template bleeding time of 6.4 minutes (3.2 to 11.4 min) compared to a mean of 6.0 minutes (3.4 to 7.5 min) for heparin alone and 5.1 minutes (3.5 to 8.5 min) for placebo. Although these results do not indicate a significant interaction between Ketor and warfarin or heparin, the administration of Ketor to patients taking anticoagulants should be done extremely cautiously, and patients should be closely monitored.

#### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Carefully consider the potential benefits and risks of Ketor and other treatment options before deciding to use Ketor. Use the lowest effective dose for the shortest duration consistent with individual patient treatment goals. In adults, the combined duration of use of IV or IM dosing of ketorolac tromethamine and Ketor is not to exceed 5 days. In adults, the use of Ketor is only indicated as continuation therapy to IV or IM dosing of ketorolac tromethamine. Transition from IV or IM dosing of ketorolac tromethamine (single-or multipledose) to multiple-dose Ketor: Patients age 17 to 64: 20 mg PO once followed by 10 mg q4-6 hours prn not >40 mg/day Patients age ≥65, renally impaired, and/or weight 40 mg/day

**Note:** Oral formulation should not be given as an initial dose Use minimum effective dose for the individual patient Do not shorten dosing interval of 4 to 6 hours.

#### DOSAGE

As directed by the physician.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Store below 30°C. Protect from heat, light and moisture. Keep all medicines out of the reach of children.

#### PRESENTATION

7's, 10's, 14's, 20's, 28's, 30's in Alu-Alu Blister with carton.

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