

## **What is an analgesic?**

Analgesic is the medical term for a pain-killer, a drug that can provide relief from pain.

Some analgesics stop pain by desensitizing local nerve endings (for example, in the painful joint); others work 'centrally' in the parts of the brain where pain is perceived.

## **What is diclofenac?**

Diclofenac is an analgesic, a medicine that relieves pain. Diclofenac belongs to a group of analgesics called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Diclofenac has been used for over 30 years in Australia.

Diclofenac is the active ingredient in all Voltaren products, which are available in oral (tablet and liquid capsule) and topical forms (applied to the skin).

## **What is an NSAID?**

NSAID is an abbreviation for non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug. NSAIDs are a group of analgesics that are widely used to relieve pain and inflammation, and include diclofenac, ibuprofen and aspirin.

NSAIDs reduce the production of prostaglandins, which cause pain and inflammation.

## **Is Voltaren Emulgel a type of heat rub?**

No, Voltaren Emulgel works differently from heat or cooling rubs. Heat and cooling rubs contain ingredients that stimulate nerves in the skin, to provide a sensation of heating or cooling.

Voltaren Emulgel is a medicated treatment containing a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory treatment. The active ingredient penetrates the skin to provide local relief of pain and inflammation.

Voltaren Emulgel is non-greasy, with no strong odour.

## **How long should I use Voltaren Emulgel?**

Voltaren Emulgel is for temporary pain relief.

Voltaren Emulgel may be used for up to 2 weeks for soft tissue injuries such as muscle or joint injury or according to your doctor's or pharmacist's advice. Before you start using Voltaren Emulgel, carefully read the product information leaflet included in the pack for instructions on how to use.