



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY  
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

INDOMETHACIN RECTAL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
INDOMETHACIN	INDOCIN		20240	

**GUIDELINES FOR USE**

1. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
  - The patient has dysphagia, difficulty swallowing capsules, or has a feeding tube placed (e.g., G-tube, J-tube)
  - The patient had a previous trial of at least **TWO** prescription strength oral NSAIDs (e.g., ibuprofen, meloxicam, diclofenac, sulindac, indomethacin, celecoxib)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of 30 rectal suppositories per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

**DENIAL TEXT:** The guideline named **INDOMETHACIN RECTAL (Indocin)** requires that the patient meets one of the following criteria:

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**RATIONALE**

To promote appropriate utilization of Indocin (indomethacin rectal suppositories).

**FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS**

Indocin is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug indicated for:

- Moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis including acute flares of chronic disease
- Moderate to severe ankylosing spondylitis
- Moderate to severe osteoarthritis
- Acute painful shoulder (bursitis and/or tendinitis)
- Acute gouty arthritis

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FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSING

- Use lowest effective dosage for shortest duration consistent with individual patient treatment goals.
- Indocin suppositories are not for oral or intravaginal use.
- Indocin suppositories 50 mg can be substituted for indomethacin capsules; however, there will be significant differences between the two dosage regimens in indomethacin blood levels.
- The recommended dosage is as follows:
  - For moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis including acute flares of chronic disease, moderate to severe ankylosing spondylitis, and moderate to severe osteoarthritis: Indomethacin capsules 25 mg two or three times a day.
  - Acute painful shoulder (bursitis and/or tendinitis): Indomethacin capsules 75-150 mg daily in 3 or 4 divided doses.
  - Acute gouty arthritis: Indomethacin capsules 50 mg three times a day.

REFERENCES

- Incodin [Prescribing Information]. Iroko Pharmaceuticals, LLC: Philadelphia, PA; May 2016.

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