



## Pain Meds: What Works?

Additional information to complement the full article.

### Common NSAIDs

- Aspirin (*Ascriptin, Bayer, Bufferin, Excedrin*)
- Celecoxib (*Celebrex*) 200mg: Only Cox 2 available. More GI sparing and no platelet inhibition, kidney toxic, CV risks heart attack, heart failure
- Diclofenac sodium (*Voltaren*)
- Diflunisal (*Dolobid*)
- Etodolac (*Lodine*)
- Ibuprofen (*Advil, Motrin, Nuprin*)
- Indomethacin (*Indocin*)
- Ketoprofen (*Orudis, Oruvail*)
- Ketorolac tromethamine injectable (*Toradol*)
- Meclofenamate sodium (*Meclomen*)
- Mefenamic acid (*Ponstel*)
- Nabumetone (*Relafen*)
- Naproxen (*Naprosyn*)
- Naproxen sodium (*Aleve, Anaprox*) long duration dose q12h
- Oxaprozin (*Daypro*)
- Piroxicam (*Feldene*): no deleterious effect on bone healing
- Sulindac (*Clinoril*)
- Valdecoxib (*Bextra*)

### Sample Procedures/Conditions and Anticipated Pain

- Post injection and operative dentistry soreness: mild
- Routine extraction: mild–moderate
- Surgical impaction extraction: moderate–severe
- Gingivectomy: moderate
- Apicoectomy: moderate–severe
- Acute dental pulpitis: moderate–severe
- Dry socket: treat topically (*eugenol, benzocaine dressings*)