1. WHAT IS THE MEDICINE INTENDED FOR?

This medicine is intended for adults above the age of 18 for the relief of:

- Pain caused by osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis.
- Gastrointestinal pain and inflammation, such as in irritable bowel syndrome and inflammatory bowel disease.

2. BEFORE USING THE MEDICINE

Do not use this medicine without consulting a doctor, even if signs of infection are present.

- You are suffering from an active gastrointestinal ulcer.
- You developed asthma, a rash or other skin reactions, or other allergies to aspirin or its derivatives.
- You are sensitive (allergic) to the active ingredient or other ingredients of the medicine.
- You are suffering, or have suffered in the past, from blood circulation problems – peripheral vascular disease, pulmonary hypertension, or Raynaud’s phenomenon.
- You are taking, or have recently taken, another medicine in the same group as this one. Examples include:
  - Other anti-inflammatories from the NSAID group, including Celcox.
  - Medicines for reducing blood pressure, blood thinners, aspirin, or other anti-inflammatories.
  - Medicines that increase the risk of bleeding.

3. DURING AND AFTER USING THE MEDICINE

- Do not use this medicine if you are allergic to aspirin or similar medicines.
- Do not use this medicine if you have a history of stomach ulcers.
- You should be aware that the risk of stomach ulcers is greater if you take this medicine.
- You should continue to take your blood pressure medication regularly and monitor your blood pressure periodically in order to ascertain that your blood pressure is maintained as desired.
- You should consult a doctor before taking this medicine if you have developed stomach ulcers, because the risk of stomach ulcers increases.

4. SIDE EFFECTS

- The most common side effects include:
  - Headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and general weakness.
  - Abdominal discomfort, diarrhea, and constipation.
  - Rash, itching, and other skin reactions.
  - Allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis.

- Side effects that occur infrequently:
  - Medicines of the NSAID group, including Celcox, may cause a decrease in: testosterone, hematocrit.
  - Abnormal weight gain.
  - Decrease in platelets.
  - Anemia (low blood count).

- Side effects that occur rarely:
  - Conjunctivitis, subcutaneous hemorrhages, and other skin reactions.
  - Symptoms that can indicate heart problems, such as: hypertension, hyperlipidemia (high level of lipids in the blood), heart or brain (including mini-stroke in the head).

- Additional side effects of unknown frequency:
  - Constipation, dry mouth, heartburn.

- In particular, inform your doctor if you experience:
  - Symptoms from which you are suffering. The treatment may cause exacerbation of the symptoms.
  - You are planning to become pregnant, or you are breast-feeding.
  - You are taking blood thinners or aspirin.
  - You are taking other medicines that increase the risk of bleeding.

5. HOW SHOULD THE MEDICINE BE STORED?

- Store in a cool and dry place, below 25°C.
- Do not exceed the recommended dose.
- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.
- Do not use this medicine without consulting a doctor.
- Do not stop treatment with the medicine without consulting a doctor.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This leaflet contains concise information about the medicine. If you have further questions regarding the use of the medicine, consult a doctor or pharmacist.