



Policy Title Diclofenac epolamine 1.3% (Flector® Patch)

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Policy **Diclofenac epolamine 1.3% (Flector® Patch)** is indicated for the topical treatment of acute pain due to minor strains, sprains, and contusions.

The use of diclofenac epolamine 1.3% (Flector® Patch) requires prior authorization (ie, clinical pharmacy and/or Medical Director review).

Policy Description **Diclofenac epolamine 1.3% (Flector® Patch)** is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). As with other NSAIDs its ability to inhibit prostaglandin synthesis may be involved in its anti-inflammatory activity, as well as contribute to its efficacy in relieving pain associated with inflammation.

Policy Guideline Inclusion

Diclofenac epolamine 1.3% (Flector® Patch) is approved when **all** of the following inclusion criteria are met:

- Documentation of pain.
- Documentation of the trial and failure or contraindication/intolerance to a meloxicam-containing product and one additional oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID).

Policy Guideline Exclusion

Diclofenac epolamine 1.3% (Flector® Patch) is denied when **any** of the following inclusion criteria are present:

- No documentation of pain.
- No documentation of trial and failure or contraindication/intolerance to a meloxicam-containing product and one additional oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID).

Policy List of Applicable Drugs

Brand Name	Generic Name
Flector Patch	diclofenac epolamine

Dosing and Administration

Refer to the specific manufacturer's prescribing information for administration and dosage details, contraindications, and Black Box warnings.

Policy References

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