

**No evidence for efficacy of NSAIDs for neuropathic pain**

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<b>Clinical Question</b>	Compared to placebo how effective are nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) for chronic neuropathic pain in adults?
<b>Bottom Line</b>	There was no evidence of significant pain reduction in patients who had chronic low back pain with a neuropathic component, or neuropathic pain after shingles. Adverse event rates were low, with insufficient events for any analysis. The absence of any reliable evidence of oral NSAID efficacy is a challenge to their continued widespread use.
<b>Caveat</b>	This review involved only two small studies, and the quality of the evidence was poor. Of the 251 participants, 209 were in a study of an experimental drug not used in clinical practice, and of the remaining 42, only 16 had neuropathic pain.
<b>Context</b>	Although often considered to be lacking adequate evidence, NSAIDs are widely used in the management of neuropathic pain. Surveys have found 18 to 47% of affected people reported using NSAIDs specifically for their neuropathic pain.
<b>Cochrane Systematic Review</b>	<a href="#">Moore RA et al. Oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for neuropathic pain. Cochrane Reviews, 2015, Issue 10. Art. No.: CD010902.DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010902.pub2.</a> This review contains 2 studies involving 251 participants.

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