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## Client Information: piroxicam (Feldene®)

**Piroxicam** is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) that is used to treat arthritis and some cancers in people and dogs (rarely cats). It is in the same family of drugs such as aspirin, carprofen (Rimadyl®), etodolac (Etogesic®), and others. It has some pain-relieving properties. Many patients will be treated with this drug for a long time, so it is important to be aware of potential side effects and drug interactions.

### Concurrent drug administration

Piroxicam can negatively interact with certain types of medications and can cause intestinal upset and ulceration. **Please DO NOT give your pet any type of arthritis or pain medication** (including prednisone, other non-steroidal drugs, Tylenol® (acetaminophen), and others) **without talking to your doctor first**. These medications should never be given concurrently.

If your pet has recently been taken off of their usual arthritis medication and now seems more painful, please ask your oncologist for help. Other types of medications may be very helpful in this situation.

### Potential side effects

Dogs uncommonly experience side effects from this drug, but they can be severe.

#### 1. Gastrointestinal side effects

Piroxicam can sometimes cause severe intestinal upset and ulceration (bleeding). **If you notice darker than normal stool, diarrhea, vomiting (especially if the vomit looks like coffee grounds), or loss of appetite, please contact your doctor for advice immediately.**

#### 2. Increased thirst and urination

This is a rare side effect of piroxicam administration, but it can indicate severe kidney damage from this drug. If your pet develops increased drinking and urination, please contact your doctor immediately.