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**Policy Title** Diclofenac epolamine 1.3% (Flector® Patch)

**Policy Number** FS.CLIN.89

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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

Product information for Flector Patch (diclofenac epolamine 1.3%). Alpharma. Bridgewater, NJ 08807. October 2009.

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