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Ibuprofen in the Management of Viral Infections: The Lesson of COVID-19 for Its Use in a Clinical Setting

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Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are commonly used for the management of fever, pain and inflammation. However, they have always been considered to have a double-faced role, according to their capacity to manage inflammation but also their possible reduction of immune system response and diagnosis delay. This last point could favor a dramatic increase of viral infection diffusion, possibly leading to a more severe outcome. The advent of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 excluded the use of NSAIDs, particularly ibuprofen, and then indicated this drug as the better NSAID to manage infected outpatients and prevent complications. Learners that complete this activity will be able to describe the role of NSAIDs, specifically ibuprofen, in the management of viral symptoms.



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Target Audience

Interprofessional team of Physicians, General Clinicians, Pharmacists and PhDs interested in NSAIDs commonly used for the management of fever, pain and inflammation.

Learning Objectives

After completing this activity, the learner will be able to:

1. State the key mediator of inflammation that is impacted by ibuprofen;
2. State at least one proinflammatory cytokine that is inhibited by ibuprofen;
3. Describe the association between COVID-19 severe outcomes and NSAID exposure in hospitalized COVID-19 patients;
4. Describe the impact of viral infection on the upregulation of the ACE-Angiotensin II-AT1R pathway.

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