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# Diflunisal

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CASRN: 22494-42-4



# **Drug Levels and Effects**

# Summary of Use during Lactation

The small amounts of diflunisal in milk do not appear to pose a serious risk to breastfeeding infants. However, a shorter-acting agents having more published information may be preferred, especially while nursing a newborn or preterm infant.

# **Drug Levels**

*Maternal Levels*. Review articles report that milk levels are 2 to 7% of simultaneous maternal serum levels after 7 days of administration of 125 or 250 mg twice daily; however, no study details are provide.[1][2] This would represent milk levels ranging from 0.3 to 0.9 mg/L with a dose of 125 mg daily and 0.8 to 2.7 mg/L with a dose of 250 mg daily.

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Infant Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

### **Effects in Breastfed Infants**

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

#### **Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk**

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

# **Alternate Drugs to Consider**

Acetaminophen, Flurbiprofen, Ibuprofen, Indomethacin, Naproxen, Piroxicam

#### References

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# **Substance Identification**

#### Substance Name

Diflunisal

# **CAS Registry Number**

22494-42-4

#### **Drug Class**

**Breast Feeding** 

Lactation

Analgesic Agents

Nonsteroidal Antiinflammatory Agents