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the pro-drug way to  
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#### Prescribing Information

**Indications:** Rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, ankylosing spondylitis.

**Dosage: Adults:** One tablet in the morning and two at night. LEDERFEN is not a gastric irritant and is converted, following absorption into long-acting active metabolites.

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**Contra-Indications:** Hypersensitivity to propionic acid anti-inflammatory drugs or aspirin.

**Precautions:** In patients with a history or evidence of active peptic or intestinal ulceration, and only when considered essential in pregnant and nursing women.

**Side-effects:** LEDERFEN is well tolerated by most patients. Gastro-intestinal symptoms, and occasionally skin rash are the most commonly reported.

**Legal Category:** POM.

**Presentation:** Light blue, film coated, capsule shaped 300 mg tablets engraved "LL 300", or capsules printed "Lederle 300mg", in bottles of 100.

**Basic NHS Cost:** £16.24 per 100 tablets or capsules.

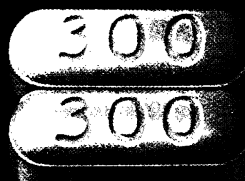
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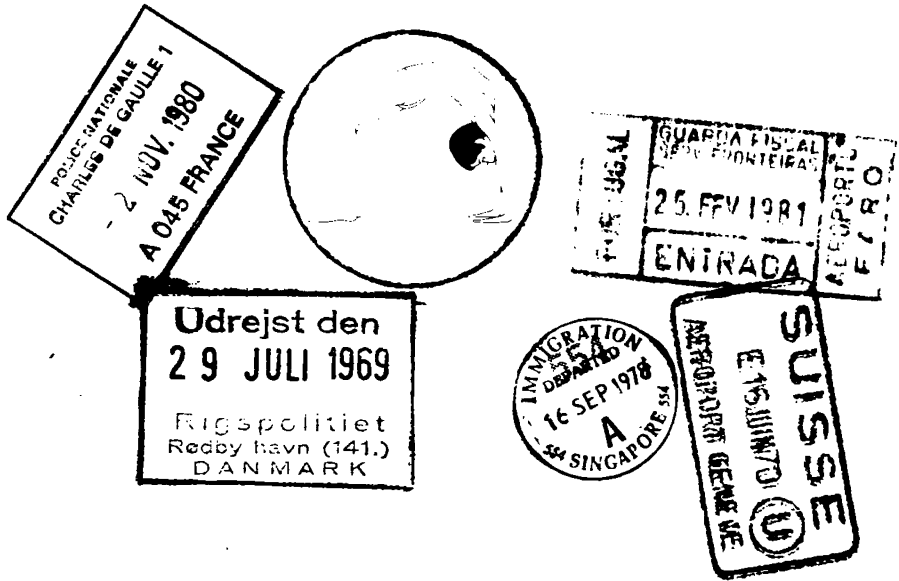
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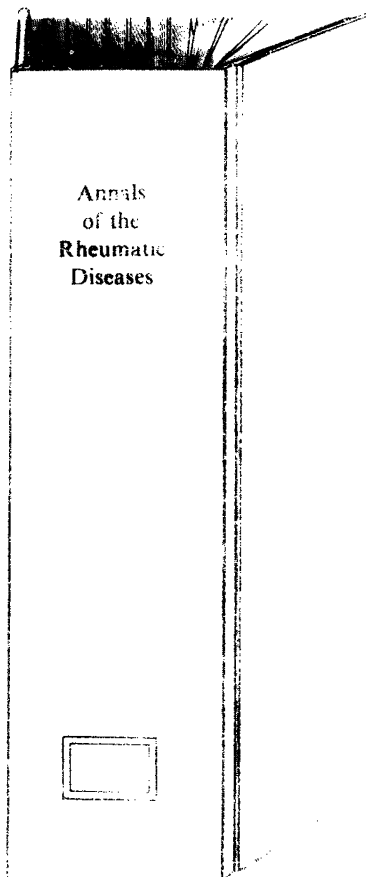
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