

**UNIVERSITY PHYSICIANS HEALTH PLANS**  
(University Family Care)

**PHARMACY REFERRAL GUIDELINE**

**COX-2 INHIBITOR – Celebrex**

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Indications:

- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Osteoarthritis

Criteria for Use:

- Therapeutic failure with four formulary NSAID's
- Therapeutic failure of acetaminophen (osteoarthritis) and salsalate in patients at risk for gastrointestinal bleed or with intolerable gastrointestinal side effects to NSAID's

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