

Merck is withdrawing Vioxx from the market after a long-term study showed an increased risk of serious cardiovascular events, including heart attacks and strokes, among study patients taking Vioxx compared to patients receiving placebo.

Additional information is available for patients at www.merck.com or www.vioxx.com, or they may call 1-888-36-VIOXX (1-888-368-4699.)

Please refer patients who are currently taking VIOXX to contact their health care providers to discuss discontinuing use of VIOXX and possible alternative treatments. Alternative treatments are the following:

Brand Name	Generic Name	
ANAPROX	naproxen sodium	Generic
ANAPROX DS	naproxen sodium	Generic
ANSAID	flurbiprofen	Generic
CATAFLAM	diclofenac potassium	Generic
CLINORIL	sulindac	Generic
DAYPRO	oxaprozin	Generic
NAPROSYN	naproxen	Generic
EC-NAPROSYN	naproxen	Generic
FELDENE	piroxicam	Generic
INDOCIN	indomethacin	Generic
INDOCIN SR	indomethacin	Generic
LODINE	etodolac	Generic
LODINE ER	etodolac	Generic
MOTRIN	ibuprofen	Generic
RELAFEN	nabumetone	Generic
TOLECTIN	tolmetin	Generic
TOLECTIN DS	tolmetin	Generic
VOLTAREN	diclofenac sodium	Generic
BEXTRA	Valdecoxib	Brand
CELEBREX	Celecoxib	Brand