

# PHARMACY GUIDELINE – 7

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## **UNIVERSITY PHYSICIANS HEALTH PLANS**

(Maricopa Health Plan)

### **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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