

## NSAIDs

### RFQs

- How has your blood pressure been? Are you on blood pressure tablets?
- Have you ever had an ulcer? Do you use a tablet to reduce acid production in your stomach?
- Do you have any heart problems? That might include breathlessness or ankle swelling.
- Do you have any kidney problems?

### Provide

These are risky tablets. They increase your risk of bleeding from your gut, and they put your blood pressure and your cardiovascular risk. They can also harm your kidneys. They cause fluid retention and are dangerous in heart failure too.

### Safety net:

Definitely stop the anti-inflammatory tablets if you are unwell with a fever, diarrhoea or vomiting. Stop them if your blood pressure is high. And watch out for persistent upper tummy pain or black tarry poo. That might suggest bleeding from the stomach or upper gut.