

FDA: Aleve may be safer on heart than rival drugs

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Federal health experts say the pain reliever found in Aleve may be safer on the heart than other popular anti-inflammatory drugs taken by millions of Americans.

A Food and Drug Administration review posted online states that naproxen, the key ingredient in Aleve and other generic pain pills, may have a lower risk of heart attack and stroke than rival medications like ibuprofen, sold as Advil and Motrin. FDA staffers recommend relabeling naproxen to emphasize its safety.

The agency will ask a panel of experts next month to discuss the latest evidence on the [pain relievers](#) and whether [naproxen](#) should be relabeled. The agency is not required to follow the group's advice.

If finalized, the labeling changes could reshape the market for drugs used to treat headaches, [muscle pain](#) and arthritis.

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