# UNDERSTANDING SORE THROAT

Sore throat is a very common complaint which often involves inflammation, or which is usually associated with inflammation. The signs of inflammation are pain, heat, swelling, redness and difficulty swallowing.

Sore throats can be caused by infectious and non-infectious triggers. Most cases are infectious, with a large proportion caused by viruses.

However, they may also be caused by:

Bacterial infection

Smoking

- Heaty food or spicy food
  Lack of rest
- Low immunity
- Shouting or voice strainsPolluted environment
  - Not drinking enough water
- Changes in air temperature

### **Sore Throat Management**

There are many different active ingredients in medicated lozenges to relieve painful sore throats. Here are some commonly seen ingredients and their function:

### 🎯 Anti-inflammatory

Reduces inflammation and swelling to relieve pain.

#### **Anaesthetic**

Provides a numbing action for pain relief

## **The Difflam Difference**

Difflam products contain benzydamine hydrochloride – a clinically proven anti-inflammatory ingredient that treats swollen inflamed throats, the primary cause of pain. By targeting inflammation, Difflam effectively relieves painful sore throats.\*

### 🧭 Anti-bacterial

Helps kill bacteria that can cause minor infections

✓ Antibiotics

Prescribed by doctors usually if the sore throat is severe and/or caused by bacteria e.g. Strep throat infections.

Difflam is available in various formats and flavours and sold at all Watsons outlets. [Pharmacy only items are found at Watsons Pharmacy stores only]

For further information, please read product information leaflet. Should symptoms persist, please consult your healthcare professional. \*Data on file, iNova Pharmaceuticals. Individual response varies.



IN SINGAPORE\*

There are several types of sore throats, depending on the area affected.

Inflammation becomes the main source of sore throat pain. Your throat hurts and becomes irritated, swollen, or with scratchy sensation. Pain increases when you swallow.

