

TYLENOL® WITH CODEINE

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If you have moderate to severe pain, you may be prescribed Tylenol with Codeine.

Tylenol with Codeine is a high alert medication, which means if you do not take it exactly as prescribed it may cause illness or injury.

To understand how Tylenol with Codeine works, let's look at how pain affects your body.

Thousands of tiny nerve cells in your body sense many feelings; cold, heat, pressure, and pain. When your body is injured, the tiny nerve cells send a message to your brain that says: I'm in pain here!

Tylenol with Codeine is a combination of two different pain relief medications; Acetaminophen or Tylenol, and Codeine.

Tylenol with Codeine works in the brain to change how your body feels and responds to pain. It can also reduce fever.

Tylenol with Codeine comes as either a tablet or liquid. The medication label will show 2 dosage numbers. The first is the amount of Acetaminophen and the second is the amount of Codeine prescribed to you. Your healthcare provider will decide how much of each ingredient you need to take.

Tylenol with Codeine is a powerful medication. Some people should not take it. Do not take Tylenol with Codeine if you are allergic to Acetaminophen, or Codeine.

If you are pregnant, or planning to get pregnant, tell your healthcare provider. Do not breastfeed while taking Tylenol with Codeine.

Before taking Tylenol with Codeine, tell your healthcare provider if you have a history of: asthma, COPD or other breathing problems, liver disease, kidney disease, head injury, diarrhea, or severe constipation.

Tylenol with Codeine can be highly addictive. If you have a history of abuse of street drugs or prescription medications, tell your healthcare provider.

If you drink more than 3 alcoholic drinks per day, or have a history of alcohol abuse, you may not be able to take Tylenol with Codeine.

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Some side effects of Tylenol with Codeine include: upset stomach or constipation, tired feeling, blurred vision, or dry mouth.

If you do notice any of these side effects, contact your healthcare provider about how to manage them.

Be aware that you are at an increased risk of falling while taking Tylenol with Codeine. Get up from a sitting or lying position slowly.

Do not drive or operate heavy machinery, including your car, until you know how Tylenol with Codeine affects you.

Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist before taking any other product with acetaminophen in it, or any cold, sleep, pain or allergy medication.

If you have an allergic reaction like: trouble breathing, hives, or swelling of your face or throat, call 911.

If you have: nausea, vomiting or stomach pain, weak or shallow breathing, confusion, a weak heartbeat, or feel like you may pass out, call 911 and get help right away.

This is not a complete list of side effects. Make sure you discuss all possible side effects with your healthcare provider.

Take Tylenol with Codeine exactly as prescribed. Do not change your dose or take it for longer than prescribed.

Take this medication with food to avoid an upset stomach. Drink 6 to 8 glasses of water a day to avoid constipation.

If you have been prescribed liquid Tylenol with Codeine, use a dose measuring spoon or medicine cup to make sure you get the correct amount. Do not use a regular kitchen spoon.

Tylenol with Codeine is taken when needed, so you may not be on a dosing schedule. If you do take it regularly and skip a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip your missed dose and return to your normal medication schedule.

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Do not double dose. If you think you have taken too much Tylenol with Codeine, call 911. An overdose of Tylenol with Codeine can cause serious breathing problems that can lead to death.

Store Tylenol with Codeine away from moisture and direct sunlight. Your bathroom medicine cabinet is not the best place because of moisture. Do not leave your medication where it can get too hot or too cold. Always store your medication out of sight and out of reach of children to prevent accidents.

When you are done taking Tylenol with Codeine, crush all of your remaining pills and mix them with undesirable trash like kitty litter or coffee grounds. Dispose of liquid Tylenol with Codeine by flushing it down a drain or toilet.

Do not sell or give your Tylenol with Codeine to anyone else. It is against the law and can seriously harm anyone else taking it. Contact your local police station for more information on proper disposal directions.

Tylenol with Codeine can help you relieve your pain. But it is a powerful medication that should only be taken exactly as prescribed. If you have any questions about Tylenol with Codeine, ask your healthcare provider and pharmacist for more information.