

# ROXICODONE®

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If you have moderate to severe pain, you may be prescribed Roxicodone. You may be more familiar with its generic name, Oxycodone.

Roxicodone 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 Roxicodone 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!

Roxicodone blocks the pain message being sent from your nerve cells to your brain to relieve your pain.

Roxicodone comes in a tablet. Your healthcare provider will decide how much you need to take, but dosages range from 5 milligrams to 15 milligrams. Make sure you understand exactly what you are taking and how you are supposed to take it to avoid injury.

Roxicodone is a powerful medication. Some people should not take it. Do not take Roxicodone if you have asthma, trouble breathing or other lung problems.

If you are pregnant, planning to get pregnant or are breastfeeding, tell your healthcare provider.

Before taking Roxicodone, tell your healthcare provider if you have a history of head injury; seizures; liver, kidney disease or thyroid problems; or pancreas or gallbladder problems.

Roxicodone can be highly addictive. If you have a history of abuse of: street drugs, prescription medications or alcohol, tell your healthcare provider. There may be a different medication available for you.

Before taking Roxicodone, give your healthcare provider a complete list of all other medications you use, including vitamins and herbal supplements.

Some side effects of Roxicodone include: constipation, nausea and/or vomiting, headache, dizziness, sleepiness, itching, or dry mouth.

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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 Roxicodone. Get up from a sitting or lying position slowly.

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

Do not drink alcohol while taking Roxicodone. Drinking alcohol while taking Roxicodone can cause serious side effects leading to death.

If you have: trouble breathing, shortness of breath, fast heartbeat, chest pain, swelling in your face or throat or extreme tiredness, call 911 and get help immediately.

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

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

Take each dose every 4 to 6 hours as directed. If you miss a dose, take your Roxicodone as soon as possible and then take your next dose 4 to 6 hours later. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip your missed dose and return to your normal medication schedule.

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

Store Roxicodone 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.

Because Roxicodone is a narcotic that can cause dependency, it can be a very desirable drug to addicts. Lock this medication up to prevent stealing and abuse.

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When you are done taking Roxicodone tablets, crush all of your remaining pills and mix them with undesirable trash like kitty litter or coffee grounds. Do not sell or give your Roxicodone 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.

Roxicodone 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 Roxicodone, ask your healthcare provider and pharmacist for more information.