

Zohydro ER

If you have moderate to severe pain that doesn't go away, you may be prescribed Zohydro ER. You may also be familiar with the generic name Hydrocodone. Zohydro ER 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 Zohydro ER works, let's look at how pain affects your body.

Thousands of tiny nerve cells in your body sense many feelings, like 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!'

Zohydro ER works in the brain to change how your body feels and responds to pain.

Zohydro ER is an extended release medication and is prescribed for pain that is always there. It is not used to treat pain that comes and goes. Zohydro ER comes in a capsule with dosages usually starting at 10 mg and increasing gradually until your pain is managed. Make sure you understand exactly what you are taking and how much you are supposed to take to avoid injury.

Zohydro ER is a powerful medication. Some people should not take it. Do not take Zohydro ER if you are allergic to the ingredients in it.

If you have asthma, other breathing problems or a blockage in your stomach or intestines, tell your healthcare provider.

If you are pregnant, or planning to get pregnant, talk to your healthcare provider before taking Zohydro ER. It may harm your baby. Do not breastfeed while taking this medication.

Before taking Zohydro ER, tell your healthcare provider if you have a history of: heart problems; head injury and stroke; liver or kidney disease; or gallbladder, pancreas or thyroid problems.

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

Some side effects of Zohydro ER include: constipation, nausea, dry mouth, swelling in your hands or feet, itching, muscle pain, stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, dizziness, and a tired feeling.

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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 Zohydro ER. Get up from a sitting or lying position slowly.

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

Do not drink alcohol while taking Zohydro ER. Drinking alcohol while taking this medication can cause serious side effects leading to death.

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

If you have: shortness of breath, confusion, pain when you urinate, extreme tiredness, or feel like you may pass out, call your healthcare provider right away.

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

Take Zohydro ER exactly as prescribed. Do not change your dose unless your healthcare provider tells you to.

Always swallow the pill whole with plenty of water. Do not cut, break, chew, crush or dissolve this medication.

Zohydro ER should be taken at the same time every day. You may want to set an alert on your phone so you don't forget.

If you do miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. Do not double dose to make up for a missed dose. Return to your normal medication schedule as soon as possible.

If you think you have taken too much Zohydro ER, call 911. An overdose can cause serious breathing problems that can lead to death.

Store Zohydro ER 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 Zohydro ER is a narcotic that can cause dependency, it can be a very desirable drug to addicts. Lock this

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medication up to prevent stealing and abuse.

When you are done taking Zohydro ER capsules, open all of your remaining pills and mix the contents with undesirable trash like kitty litter or coffee grounds.

Do not sell or give your Zohydro ER 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.

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