



OxyContin® (Oxycodone)



Overview

This is an opioid medication. Your doctor may give it to you for severe pain. It may help when other pain control methods don't.

How does it work?

OxyContin mimics chemicals that your brain makes naturally. It blocks feelings of pain. It causes your brain to release dopamine. That's a natural chemical that makes you feel good.

Possible side effects

Medications affect everyone differently. Side effects of OxyContin include things like constipation and nausea. You can have dizziness and tiredness. You can also have severe problems like trouble breathing or chest pains. Your doctor has a complete list of side effects.

Risks and dangers

Don't drive or use heavy machinery while taking OxyContin. Don't drink alcohol or use other medicines that contain alcohol. And before you take it, let your doctor know if you are pregnant or nursing.

Conclusion

OxyContin is dangerous if not used as directed. Misusing it can lead to addiction. And overdoses can kill you. So follow your doctor's instructions.

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