

Vicodin



What is it? Vicodin is a tablet containing a combination of acetaminophen and hydrocodone. Hydrocodone is in a group of drugs called narcotic pain relievers.

What does it do to you? It is used to relieve moderate to severe pain. (Such as; following a surgery or other type of injury)

Dosage: Every 4 to 6 Hours (stays in your system)

Side Effects: Shallow breathing, slow heartbeat... Feeling light headed, fainting... confusion, fear, unusual thoughts or behaviors...feeling anxious, dizzy or drowsy...headache, mood changes...blurred vision....ringing in your ears and dry mouth.

Other Medication Interactions: Harmful if mixed with antidepressants, Dramamine or other anti-nausea medication (OTC and RX), and some bronchiolar inhalers.

*Hydrocodone can be habit forming and should be used only by the person it was prescribed for. *Can be harmful to unborn baby and cause breathing problems and addiction/withdrawal symptoms in a newborn. *An overdose of acetaminophen can cause serious harm to your liver

Ritalin



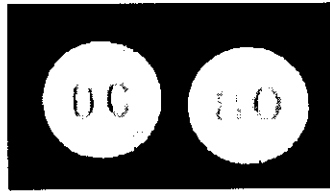
What is it? Ritalin and other brands (such as Adderall) of methylphenidate are mild central nervous system stimulants.

What does it do for you? Ritalin is used in the treatment of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder in children. Some of this classification of drugs is used to treat narcolepsy in adults (an uncontrollable desire to sleep).

Dosage: 5 to 60 mg per day for children.

Side Effects: Inability to fall or stay asleep, nervousness, agitation, enlarging of the pupil of the eye, irregular or rapid heartbeat, sweating, & vomiting.

OxyContin



What is it? OxyContin is a controlled-release form of the narcotic pain reliever oxycodone.

What does it do to you? It is prescribed for moderate to severe pain when continuous, around the clock relief of pain is needed for an extended period of time.

Dosage: Every 12 hours (stays in your system every 12 Hr.)

Adverse Reactions: Be sure to swallow OxyContin tablets whole. If broken, crushed or chewed the tablets quickly release a potentially fatal overdose of oxycodone. Abusing Oxycontin by chewing or snorting the tablets can slow down or stop breathing and lead to death. Do not mix with other painkillers or alcohol due to increase effect. Also, you shouldn't take Oxycontin if you have asthma or other breathing/lung problems.

Side Effects: Dizziness, dry mouth, headache, itching, nausea vomiting & weakness. Oxycontin can cause a severe drop in blood pressure leading to dizziness and lightheadedness.

*The 2 Highest levels of Oxycontin are 80mg and 160mg- These levels are dangerous for anyone who has not built a tolerance for narcotics, because it could impair respiration & lead to death.

Xanax



What is it? Xanax is used to treat anxiety & panic disorders.

What does it do to you? Xanax is a benzodiazepine. It works by slowing down the movement of chemicals in the brain. The result is a reduction in nervous tension.

Adverse Reactions: Xanax may cause drowsiness, avoid drinking alcohol because Xanax will add to the effects of alcohol. Do not smoke cigarettes while using this medication because it decreases blood levels.

Side Effects: (Common) lightheadedness, trouble concentrating, rash, hives or peeling of the skin, decreased urination, hallucinations, suicidal thoughts or actions, trouble sleeping & yellowing of the eyes and skin.

Hydrocodone



What is it? Hydrocodone is a narcotic analgesic (pain killer) with acetaminophen.

What does it do to you? It is used to for the relief of short-term pain.

Dosage: Every 4 to 6 hours (stays in your system)

Adverse Reaction: Hydrocodone makes you drowsy and slows down the central nervous system. Alcohol can intensify this effect. Severe reactions include bloody, tarry stool, dark black urine, depression, swelling of hands & feet, seizures, & vision and speech changes

Side effects: Anxiety, headache, increased sweating, trouble sleeping, vomiting, & weakness. Withdrawal symptoms- fever, runny nose, sneezing, goose bumps, seeing, hearing or feeling things that are not there.

*Some Hydrocodone is made with Ibuprofen. This can be extremely dangerous if mixed with Hydrocodone containing acetaminophen. The level of acetaminophen is 750mg per tablet. Extra strength acetaminophen (OTC) is 500mg per tablet.