



## Oxycodone

### WHAT IS OXYCODONE?

Oxycodone is a semi-synthetic narcotic analgesic and historically has been a popular drug of abuse among the narcotic abusing population.

### WHAT IS ITS ORIGIN?

Oxycodone is synthesized from thebaine, a constituent of the poppy plant.

### What are common street names?

Common street names include:

- Hillbilly Heroin, Kicker, OC, Ox, Roxy, Perc, and Oxy

### What does it look like?

Oxycodone is marketed alone as OxyContin® in 10, 20, 40 and 80 mg extended-release tablets and other immediate-release capsules like 5 mg OxyIR®. It is also marketed in combination products with aspirin such as Percodan® or acetaminophen such as Roxicet®.

### How is it abused?

Oxycodone is abused orally or intravenously. The tablets are crushed and sniffed or dissolved in water and injected. Others heat a tablet that has been placed on a piece of foil then inhale the vapors.

### What is its effect on the mind?

Euphoria and feelings of relaxation are the most common effects of oxycodone on the brain, which explains its high potential for abuse.

### What is its effect on the body?

Physiological effects of oxycodone include:

- Pain relief, sedation, respiratory depression, constipation, papillary constriction, and cough suppression. Extended or chronic use of oxycodone containing acetaminophen may cause severe liver damage

### What are its overdose effects?

Overdose effects include:

- Extreme drowsiness, muscle weakness, confusion, cold and clammy skin, pinpoint pupils, shallow breathing, slow heart rate, fainting, coma, and possible death

### Which drugs cause similar effects?

Drugs that cause similar effects to oxycodone include:

- Opium, codeine, heroin, methadone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, and morphine

### What is its legal status in the United States?

Oxycodone products are in Schedule II narcotic under the Controlled Substances Act.

*Oxycodone pills*

