

OXYCODONE

PATIENT INFORMATION GUIDE



Never give your medicines to others even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

WHY HAVE WE GIVEN YOU THIS GUIDE?

- This information is for you to use when taking oxycodone
- Oxycodone is used for pain relief
- Oxycodone can cause **serious side effects**, so it is important you know how to take it safely
- Talk to your doctor, pharmacist (chemist) or nurse if you have any questions

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO TAKE OXYCODONE SAFELY

- Swallow the tablets whole – do not crush or chew them
- Let your doctor know if you have low blood pressure, or if you have ever had a seizure (fit)
- Oxycodone causes nausea and constipation; ask your doctor how to manage these things
- If oxycodone makes you dizzy or drowsy, do not drive or operate machinery
- Talk to your doctor or pharmacist (chemist) if you are worried about any side effects



OXYCODONE CAN BE HARMFUL

- ▶ **Extra care is needed when taking oxycodone, it is similar to morphine**
- ▶ **Ask your doctor how long you should be taking oxycodone**
- ▶ **Always store oxycodone out of reach and out of sight of children**
- ▶ **Let your doctor or pharmacist (chemist) know immediately if you:**
 - Have problems breathing or are feeling very drowsy
 - Have an accident with a head injury
 - Are worried that you may have taken too many tablets
- ▶ **Tell your doctor and pharmacist (chemist) about all of the medicines you are taking**
Oxycodone can be harmful when taken with **some** other medicines
- ▶ **ALCOHOL and oxycodone**
Do not drink alcohol while you are taking oxycodone
- ▶ **PREGNANCY and oxycodone**
 - **Do not** take this medicine if you are pregnant or breastfeeding
 - Discuss other types of pain relief with your doctor
- ▶ **Do not take any more than recommended**
High doses can be harmful, especially in older adults, or if taken with alcohol