

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use OXYCONTIN® safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for OXYCONTIN.

OXYCONTIN® (oxycodone hydrochloride) extended-release tablets, for oral use, CII

Initial U.S. Approval: 1950

**WARNING: ADDICTION, ABUSE AND MISUSE; LIFE-THREATENING RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION; ACCIDENTAL INGESTION; NEONATAL OPIOID WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME; CYTOCHROME P450 3A4 INTERACTION; and RISKS FROM CONCOMITANT USE WITH BENZODIAZEPINES AND OTHER CNS DEPRESSANTS**

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- OXYCONTIN exposes users to risks of addiction, abuse and misuse, which can lead to overdose and death. Assess patient's risk before prescribing and monitor regularly for these behaviors and conditions. (5.1)
- Serious, life-threatening, or fatal respiratory depression may occur. Monitor closely, especially upon initiation or following a dose increase. Instruct patients to swallow OXYCONTIN tablets whole to avoid exposure to a potentially fatal dose of oxycodone. (5.2)
- Accidental ingestion of OXYCONTIN, especially by children, can result in a fatal overdose of oxycodone. (5.2)
- Prolonged use of OXYCONTIN during pregnancy can result in neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome, which may be life-threatening if not recognized and treated. If prolonged opioid use is required in a pregnant woman, advise the patient of the risk of neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome and ensure that appropriate treatment will be available. (5.3)
- Concomitant use with CYP3A4 inhibitors (or discontinuation of CYP3A4 inducers) can result in a fatal overdose of oxycodone. (5.4, 7, 12.3)
- Concomitant use of opioids with benzodiazepines or other central nervous system (CNS) depressants, including alcohol, may result in profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death. Reserve concomitant prescribing for use in patients for whom alternative treatment options are inadequate; limit dosages and durations to the minimum required; and follow patients for signs and symptoms of respiratory depression and sedation. (5.5, 7)

### -----RECENT MAJOR CHANGES-----

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Warnings and Precautions (5) 12/2016

### -----INDICATIONS AND USAGE-----

OXYCONTIN is an opioid agonist indicated for the management of pain severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment and for which alternative treatment options are inadequate in:

- Adults; and
- Opioid-tolerant pediatric patients 11 years of age and older who are already receiving and tolerate a minimum daily opioid dose of at least 20 mg oxycodone orally or its equivalent.

### Limitations of Use

- Because of the risks of addiction, abuse and misuse with opioids, even at recommended doses, and because of the greater risks of overdose and death with extended-release opioid formulations, reserve OXYCONTIN for use in patients for whom alternative treatment options (e.g. non-opioid analgesics or immediate-release opioids) are ineffective, not tolerated, or would be otherwise inadequate to provide sufficient management of pain. (1)
- OXYCONTIN is not indicated as an as-needed (prn) analgesic. (1)

### -----DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----

- To be prescribed only by healthcare providers knowledgeable in use of potent opioids for management of chronic pain. (2.1)
- OXYCONTIN 60 mg and 80 mg tablets, a single dose greater than 40 mg, or a total daily dose greater than 80 mg are only for use in patients in whom tolerance to an opioid of comparable potency has been established. (2.1)
- Patients considered opioid-tolerant are those taking, for one week or longer, at least 60 mg oral morphine per day, 25 mcg transdermal fentanyl per hour, 30 mg oral oxycodone per day, 8 mg oral hydromorphone per

day, 25 mg oral oxycodone per day, 60 mg oral hydrocodone per day, or an equianalgesic dose of another opioid. (2.1)

- Use the lowest effective dosage for the shortest duration consistent with individual patient treatment goals (2.1).
- Individualize dosing based on the severity of pain, patient response, prior analgesic experience, and risk factors for addiction, abuse, and misuse. (2.1)
- Instruct patients to swallow tablets intact and not to cut, break, chew, crush, or dissolve tablets (risk of potentially fatal dose). (2.1, 5.1)
- Instruct patients to take tablets one at a time, with enough water to ensure complete swallowing immediately after placing in mouth. (2.1, 5.10)
- Do not abruptly discontinue OXYCONTIN in a physically dependent patient. (2.9)

**Adults:** For opioid-naïve and opioid non-tolerant patients, initiate with 10 mg tablets orally every 12 hours. See full prescribing information for instructions on conversion from opioids to OXYCONTIN, titration and maintenance of therapy. (2.2, 2.3, 2.5)

### Pediatric Patients 11 Years of Age and Older

- For use only in pediatric patients 11 years and older already receiving and tolerating opioids for at least 5 consecutive days with a minimum of 20 mg per day of oxycodone or its equivalent for at least two days immediately preceding dosing with OXYCONTIN. (2.4)
  - See full prescribing information for instructions on conversion from opioids to OXYCONTIN, titration and maintenance of therapy. (2.4, 2.5)
- Geriatric Patients:** In debilitated, opioid non-tolerant geriatric patients, initiate dosing at one third to one half the recommended starting dosage and titrate carefully. (2.7, 8.5)
- Patients with Hepatic Impairment:** Initiate dosing at one third to one half the recommended starting dosage and titrate carefully. (2.8, 8.6)

### -----DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-----

Extended-release tablets: 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, and 80 mg. (3)

### -----CONTRAINDICATIONS-----

- Significant respiratory depression (4)
- Acute or severe bronchial asthma in an unmonitored setting or in absence of resuscitative equipment (4)
- Known or suspected gastrointestinal obstruction, including paralytic ileus (4)
- Hypersensitivity to oxycodone (4)

### -----WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS-----

- **Life-Threatening Respiratory Depression in Patients with Chronic Pulmonary Disease or in Elderly, Cachectic, or Debilitated Patients:** Monitor closely, particularly during initiation and titration. (5.6)
- **Adrenal Insufficiency:** If diagnosed, treat with physiologic replacement of corticosteroids, and wean patient off of the opioid. (5.7)
- **Severe Hypotension:** Monitor during dosage initiation and titration. Avoid use of OXYCONTIN in patients with circulatory shock. (5.8)
- **Risks of Use in Patients with Increased Intracranial Pressure, Brain Tumors, Head Injury, or Impaired Consciousness:** Monitor for sedation and respiratory depression. Avoid use of OXYCONTIN in patients with impaired consciousness or coma. (5.9)
- **Risk of Obstruction in Patients who have Difficulty Swallowing or have Underlying GI Disorders that may Predispose them to Obstruction:** Consider use of an alternative analgesic. (5.10)

### -----ADVERSE REACTIONS-----

Most common adverse reactions (incidence >5%) were constipation, nausea, somnolence, dizziness, vomiting, pruritus, headache, dry mouth, asthenia, and sweating. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Purdue Pharma L.P. at 1-888-726-7535 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

### -----DRUG INTERACTIONS-----

- **CNS Depressants:** Concomitant use may cause hypotension, profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death. If co-administration is required and the decision to begin OXYCONTIN is made, start with 1/3 to 1/2 the recommended starting dosage, consider using a lower dosage of the concomitant CNS depressant, and monitor closely. (2.6, 5.5, 7)
- **Serotonergic Drugs:** Concomitant use may result in serotonin syndrome. Discontinue OXYCONTIN if serotonin syndrome is suspected. (7)

- Mixed Agonist/Antagonist and Partial Agonist Opioid Analgesics: Avoid use with OXYCONTIN because they may reduce analgesic effect of OXYCONTIN or precipitate withdrawal symptoms. (5.13, 7)
- Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs): Can potentiate the effects of morphine. Avoid concomitant use in patients receiving MAOIs or within 14 days of stopping treatment with an MAOI. (7)

-----**USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**-----

Pregnancy: May cause fetal harm.

Lactation: Not recommended. (8.3)

**See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide.**

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