

Anaphylaxis (rare)

Signs of Tolerance

Decreasing pain relief

Decreasing duration of pain relief

Signs of Withdrawal Syndrome in Patients with Physical Dependence

Initial Signs of Withdrawal

Lacrimation

Rhinorrhea

Yawning

Sweating

Later Signs of Withdrawal

Restlessness

Irritability

Tremors

Anorexia

Dilated pupils

Gooseflesh

Nausea, vomiting

Although respiratory depression is the most dangerous side effect, constipation is a common, and sometimes serious, side effect of opioids, which decrease peristalsis and increase anal sphincter tone. Prevention with stool softeners and laxatives is more effective than treatment once constipation occurs. Dietary treatment, such as