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Generic name: [oxycodone](#) [*ox-i-KOE-done*]

Drug class: [Opioids \(narcotic analgesics\)](#)

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What is Roxicodone?

Roxicodone is an opioid pain medication sometimes called a narcotic.

Roxicodone is a strong prescription pain medicine used to treat [moderate to severe pain](#). It is used to manage pain when other treatments such as non-opioid pain medicines are unable to control the pain or you cannot tolerate alternate treatments.

Patients with chronic pain should have their dosage given on an around-the-clock basis to prevent the reoccurrence of pain rather than treating the pain after it has occurred.

Roxicodone is supplied as an immediate-release tablet and is available in 5 mg, 15 mg, and 30 mg strengths.

Changing brands of oxycodone from immediate-release tablets to extended-release tablets must be accompanied by close observation checking for signs of excessive drowsiness or slow breathing.

Warnings

You should not use Roxicodone if you have severe asthma or breathing problems, a bowel blockage, or have narrowing of the stomach or intestines.

MISUSE OF ROXICODONE CAN CAUSE ADDICTION, OVERDOSE, OR DEATH. Keep the medication in a place where others cannot get to it. Your healthcare provider should reassess your risk for misuse or addiction every time you get a new prescription.

Taking Roxicodone during pregnancy may cause life-threatening withdrawal symptoms in the newborn.

Fatal side effects can occur if you use Roxicodone with alcohol, or with other drugs that cause drowsiness or slow your breathing.

To ensure that the benefits of opioid analgesics outweigh the risks of addiction, abuse, and misuse, the FDA has required a **Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS)** for these products. Healthcare providers are strongly encouraged to:

- Complete a REMS-compliant education program offered by an accredited provider
- Discuss the safe use, serious risks, and proper storage and disposal of opioid analgesics with patients and/or their caregivers every time these medicines are prescribed.
- Emphasize to patients and their caregivers the importance of reading the Medication Guide every time an opioid analgesic is dispensed to them.
- Consider using other tools to improve patient, household, and community safety.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use Roxicodone if you are allergic to oxycodone, or if you have:

- severe [asthma](#) or breathing problems; or
- a blockage in your stomach or intestines.

You should not use Roxicodone unless you are already using a similar opioid medicine and are tolerant to it.

Most brands of oxycodone are not approved for use in people under 18.

To make sure Roxicodone is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have:

- breathing problems, [sleep apnea](#);
- a [head injury](#), or [seizures](#);
- drug or alcohol addiction, or mental illness;
- liver or kidney disease;
- urination problems; or
- problems with your gallbladder, pancreas, or thyroid.

If you use oxycodone while you are pregnant, your baby could become dependent on the drug. This can cause life-threatening withdrawal symptoms in the baby after it is born. Babies born dependent on [opioids](#) may need medical treatment for several weeks.

Ask a doctor before using Roxicodone if you are breastfeeding. Oxycodone passes into breast milk. Tell your doctor if you notice severe drowsiness, limpness, or slow breathing in the nursing baby.

 [Roxicodone pregnancy and breastfeeding warnings](#) (more detail)

How should I use Roxicodone?

Take Roxicodone exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Follow the directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides. Never use Roxicodone in larger amounts, or for longer than prescribed. Tell your doctor if you feel an increased urge to take more oxycodone.

Never share opioid medicine with another person, especially someone with a history of drug abuse or addiction. MISUSE CAN CAUSE ADDICTION, OVERDOSE, OR DEATH. Keep the medication in a place where others cannot get to it. Selling or giving away opioid medicine is against the law.

Take Roxicodone with food.

Swallow the tablet whole to avoid exposure to a potentially fatal overdose. Do not crush, chew, or dissolve a tablet.

Never crush or break a tablet to inhale the powder or mix it into a liquid to inject the drug into your vein. This can cause in death.

You should not stop using Roxicodone suddenly. Follow your doctor's instructions about tapering your dose.

Store at room temperature, away from heat, moisture, and light. Keep track of your medicine. Roxicodone is a drug of abuse and you should be aware if anyone is using your medicine improperly or without a prescription.

Do not keep leftover opioid medication. **Just one dose can cause death in someone using Roxicodone accidentally or improperly.** Ask your pharmacist where to locate a drug take-back disposal program. If there is no take-back program, flush the unused medicine down the toilet.

 [Detailed Roxicodone dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Since Roxicodone is used for pain, you are not likely to miss a dose. Skip any missed dose if it is almost time for your next dose. Do not use two doses at one time.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222. **An overdose of Roxicodone could be fatal, especially in a child or other person using the medicine without a prescription.** Overdose symptoms may include severe drowsiness, pinpoint pupils, slow breathing, or no breathing.

Your doctor may recommend you get [naloxone](#) (a medicine to reverse an opioid overdose) and keep it with you at all times. A person caring for you can give the naloxone if you stop breathing or don't wake up. Your caregiver must still get emergency medical help and may need to perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) on you while waiting for help to arrive.

Anyone can buy naloxone from a pharmacy or local health department. Make sure any person caring for you knows where you keep naloxone and how to use it.

What should I avoid while using Roxicodone?

Do not drink alcohol. Dangerous side effects or death could occur.

Avoid driving or operating machinery until you know how Roxicodone will affect you. [Dizziness](#) or severe drowsiness can cause falls or other accidents.

Avoid medication errors. Always check the brand and strength of oxycodone you get from the pharmacy.

Do not stop taking Roxicodone suddenly if you have been taking it for a long time. Talk to your healthcare provider about stopping it slowly.

Roxicodone side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction to Roxicodone**: [hives](#); difficulty breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Oxycodone can slow or stop your breathing, and death may occur. A person caring for you should give naloxone and/or seek emergency medical attention if you have slow breathing with long pauses, blue-colored lips, or if you are hard to wake up.

Call your doctor at once if you have:

- noisy breathing, sighing, shallow breathing, breathing that stops during sleep;
- a [slow heart rate](#) or weak pulse;
- a light-headed feeling, like you might pass out;
- confusion, unusual thoughts or behavior;
- seizure (convulsions);
- **low cortisol levels** - [nausea](#), [vomiting](#), loss of appetite, dizziness, worsening tiredness or weakness; or
- **high levels of serotonin in the body** - [agitation](#), hallucinations, fever, sweating, shivering, [fast heart rate](#), muscle stiffness, twitching, loss of coordination, nausea, vomiting, [diarrhea](#).

Serious breathing problems may be more likely in older adults and in those who are debilitated or have [wasting syndrome](#) or chronic breathing disorders.

Common Roxicodone side effects may include:

- drowsiness, [headache](#), dizziness, tiredness; or
- [constipation](#), stomach pain, nausea, vomiting.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

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You may have breathing problems or withdrawal symptoms if you start or stop taking certain other medicines. Tell your doctor if you also use an [antibiotic](#), antifungal medication, heart or blood pressure medication, seizure medication, or medicine to treat [HIV](#) or hepatitis C.

Oxycodone can interact with many other drugs and cause dangerous side effects or death. Be sure your doctor knows if you also use:

- cold or allergy medicines, bronchodilator asthma/[COPD](#) medication, or a diuretic ("water pill");
- medicines for [motion sickness](#), [irritable bowel syndrome](#), or [overactive bladder](#);
- **other opioids** - opioid pain medicine or prescription cough medicine;
- **a sedative like Valium** - [diazepam](#), [alprazolam](#), [lorazepam](#), [Xanax](#), [Klonopin](#), [Versed](#), and others;
- **drugs that make you sleepy or slow your breathing** - a sleeping pill, muscle relaxer, medicine to treat mood disorders or mental illness; or
- **drugs that affect serotonin levels in your body** - a stimulant, or medicine for [depression](#), [Parkinson's disease](#), [migraine](#) headaches, serious infections, or [nausea and vomiting](#).

Ask your healthcare provider to also prescribe naloxone for the emergency treatment of opioid overdose if you also take other medications that may also cause respiratory depression, such as skeletal muscle relaxants.

This list is not complete and many other drugs may affect Roxicodone. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#). Not all possible drug interactions are listed here.

 [Roxicodone drug interactions](#) (more detail)

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Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use Roxicodone only for the indication prescribed.

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