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Stadol

Generic name: [Butorphanol Injection Solution](#) [*byoo-TOR-fa-nole*]

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

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The Stadol brand name has been **discontinued** in the U.S. If generic versions of this product have been approved by the FDA, there may be [generic equivalents available](#).

Warning

- This medicine is a strong pain drug that can put you at risk for addiction, abuse, and misuse. Misuse or abuse of Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) can lead to overdose and death. Talk with your doctor.
- You will be watched closely to make sure you do not misuse, abuse, or become addicted to Stadol (butorphanol injection solution).
- This medicine may cause very bad and sometimes deadly breathing problems. Call your doctor right away if you have slow, shallow, or trouble breathing.
- The chance of very bad and sometimes deadly breathing problems may be greater when you first start Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) or anytime your dose is raised.
- Even one dose of Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) may be deadly if it is taken by someone else or by accident, especially in children. If Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) is taken by someone else or by accident, get medical help right away.
- Keep all drugs in a safe place. Keep all drugs out of the reach of children and pets.
- This medicine has an opioid drug in it. Severe side effects have happened when opioid drugs were used with benzodiazepines or other drugs that may make you drowsy or slow your actions. This includes slow or troubled breathing and death. Benzodiazepines include drugs like alprazolam, diazepam, and lorazepam. Benzodiazepines may be used to treat many health problems like anxiety, trouble sleeping, or seizures. If you have questions, talk with your doctor.
- Many drugs interact with Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) and can raise the chance of side effects like deadly breathing problems. Talk with your doctor and pharmacist to make sure it is safe to use Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) with all of your drugs.
- Do not take with alcohol or products that have alcohol. Unsafe and sometimes deadly effects may happen.

- Get medical help right away if you feel very sleepy, very dizzy, or if you pass out. Caregivers or others need to get medical help right away if the patient does not respond, does not answer or react like normal, or will not wake up.
- Using Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) for a long time during pregnancy may lead to withdrawal in the newborn baby. This can be life-threatening. Talk with the doctor.

Uses of Stadol:

- It is used to ease pain.
- This medicine is only for use when other pain drugs do not treat your pain well enough or you cannot take them.
- It is used during surgery.

What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take Stadol?

- If you are allergic to Stadol ([butorphanol](#) injection solution); any part of Stadol (butorphanol injection solution); or any other drugs, foods, or substances. Tell your doctor about the allergy and what signs you had.
- If you have any of these health problems: Lung or breathing problems like asthma, trouble breathing, or [sleep apnea](#); high levels of carbon dioxide in the blood; or stomach or bowel block or narrowing.
- If you are taking an opioid drug on a regular basis or are addicted to an opioid drug.
- If you have taken certain drugs for [depression](#) or [Parkinson's disease](#) in the last 14 days. This includes [isocarboxazid](#), [phenelzine](#), [tranylcypromine](#), [selegiline](#), or [rasagiline](#). Very [high blood pressure](#) may happen.
- If you are taking any of these drugs: [Linezolid](#) or [methylene blue](#).
- If the patient is a child. Do not give Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) to a child.

This is not a list of all drugs or health problems that interact with Stadol (butorphanol injection solution).

Tell your doctor and pharmacist about all of your drugs (prescription or OTC, natural products, vitamins) and health problems. You must check to make sure that it is safe for you to take Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) with all of your drugs and health problems. Do not start, stop, or change the dose of any drug without checking with your doctor.

What are some things I need to know or do while I take Stadol?

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take Stadol (butorphanol injection solution). This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- Avoid driving and doing other tasks or actions that call for you to be alert until you see how Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) affects you.
- To lower the chance of feeling dizzy or passing out, rise slowly if you have been sitting or lying down. Be careful going up and down stairs.
- If you have been taking Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) for a long time or at high doses, it may not work as well and you may need higher doses to get the same effect. This is known as tolerance. Call your doctor if Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) stops working well. Do not take more than ordered.
- Long-term or regular use of opioid drugs like Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) may lead to dependence.

Lowering the dose or stopping Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) all of a sudden may cause a greater risk of withdrawal or other severe problems. Talk to your doctor before you lower the dose or stop Stadol (butorphanol injection solution). You will need to follow your doctor's instructions. Tell your doctor if you have more pain, mood changes, thoughts of suicide, or any other bad effects.

- Do not take Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) with other strong pain drugs or if you are using a pain patch without talking to your doctor first.
- This medicine may raise the chance of [seizures](#) in some people, including people who have had seizures in the past. Talk to your doctor to see if you have a greater chance of seizures while taking Stadol (butorphanol injection solution).
- If you are 65 or older, use Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) with care. You could have more side effects.
- This medicine may cause harm to the unborn baby if you take it while you are pregnant. If you are pregnant or you get pregnant while taking Stadol (butorphanol injection solution), call your doctor right away.
- Tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. This medicine passes into breast milk and may harm your baby.

How is this medicine (Stadol) best taken?

Use Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) as ordered by your doctor. Read all information given to you. Follow all instructions closely.

- It is given as a shot into a muscle or vein.

What do I do if I miss a dose?

- Call your doctor to find out what to do.

 [Detailed Stadol dosage information](#)

What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

WARNING/CAUTION: Even though it may be rare, some people may have very bad and sometimes deadly side effects when taking a drug. Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you have any of the following signs or symptoms that may be related to a very bad side effect:

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; [wheezing](#); tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.
- Signs of high or [low blood pressure](#) like very bad [headache](#) or dizziness, passing out, or change in eyesight.
- Feeling confused.
- Feeling very tired or weak.
- Chest pain or pressure.
- Fast or abnormal heartbeat.
- Ringing in ears.
- Not able to pass urine.

- Hallucinations (seeing or hearing things that are not there).
- Change in eyesight.
- Severe [constipation](#) or stomach pain. These may be signs of a severe bowel problem.
- Seizures.
- A severe and sometimes deadly problem called serotonin syndrome may happen if you take Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) with certain other drugs. Call your doctor right away if you have [agitation](#); change in balance; confusion; hallucinations; fever; fast or abnormal heartbeat; flushing; [muscle twitching](#) or stiffness; seizures; shivering or shaking; sweating a lot; severe diarrhea, [upset stomach](#), or throwing up; or severe headache.
- Taking an opioid drug like Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) may lead to a rare but very bad adrenal gland problem. Call your doctor right away if you have very bad dizziness or passing out, very bad upset stomach or throwing up, or if you feel less hungry, very tired, or very weak.
- Long-term use of an opioid drug may lead to lower sex hormone levels. Call your doctor if you have a lowered interest in sex, fertility problems, no menstrual period (women), or change in sex ability (men).

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What are some other side effects of Stadol?

All drugs may cause side effects. However, many people have no side effects or only have minor side effects. Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away:

- Upset stomach or throwing up.
- Constipation.
- Stomach pain.
- Feeling dizzy, sleepy, tired, or weak.
- Headache.

These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-332-1088. You may also report side effects at <https://www.fda.gov/medwatch>.

If OVERDOSE is suspected:

If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away. Be ready to tell or show what was taken, how much, and when it happened.

How do I store and/or throw out Stadol?

- If you need to store Stadol (butorphanol injection solution) at home, talk with your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist about how to store it.

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- If your symptoms or health problems do not get better or if they become worse, call your doctor.
- Do not share your drugs with others and do not take anyone else's drugs.
- Keep all drugs in a safe place. Keep all drugs out of the reach of children and pets.
- Throw away unused or expired drugs. Do not flush down a toilet or pour down a drain unless you are told to do so. Check with your pharmacist if you have questions about the best way to throw out drugs. There may be drug take-back programs in your area.
- Some drugs may have another patient information leaflet. Check with your pharmacist. If you have any questions about Stadol (butorphanol injection solution), please talk with your doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or other health care provider.
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