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Information for the Patient: What is Oxycodone? Oxycodone relieves pain and should help you live more comfortably and independently. It is effective and safe when used as directed by your doctor. Your pain may increase or decrease from time to time and your doctor may need to change the amount of oxycodone you take daily (daily dosage).

What is OxyContin and Oxy-IR OxyContin is a tablet that is made in such a way as to slowly release oxycodone over a 12-hour period, requiring a dose only every 12 hours to control your pain.

OxyContin tablets are available in 4 strengths: 10 mg (white), 20 mg (pink), 40 mg (yellow) and 80 mg (green). It may be necessary for you to take more than one tablet strength (different colored tablets) at the same time in order to receive the total daily dosage prescribed by your doctor.

Oxy-IR tablets release oxycodone promptly, usually requiring a dose every 6 hours to control your pain.

Oxy-IR tablets are available in 3 strengths: 5 mg (white) round tablets, 10 mg (white) caplets and 20 mg (white) oval tablets.

How to Take Your Medication: OxyContin tablets must be taken regularly every 12 hours (with 120 to 180 mL of water) to prevent pain all day and night. If your pain worsens, making you uncomfortable, contact your doctor immediately and she/he may decide that it is necessary to adjust your daily dosage of OxyContin.

Oxy-IR tablets must be taken regularly as directed by your doctor (with 120 to 180 mL of water). If your pain worsens or makes you uncomfortable, contact your doctor immediately and she/he may decide that it is necessary to adjust your daily dosage of Oxy-IR.

Your dose of OxyContin or Oxy-IR will be clearly labeled on the medication bottle. Be sure to follow these directions on the label exactly; this is very important. If your dosage is changed, be sure to write it down at the time your doctor calls you or sees you and follow the new directions exactly.

OxyContin tablets should not be broken, chewed or crushed since this can lead to rapid release and absorption of an excessive dose of oxycodone, which can seriously harm you.

Constipation: Oxycodone causes constipation. This is to be expected so your doctor may order a laxative and stool softener to help relieve your constipation while you are taking OxyContin or Oxy-IR. Tell your doctor about the problem if it arises.

Concomitant Medications: Your doctor should be made aware of any other medication you are taking including over-the-counter antihistamines or sleep-aids as they could affect the way you respond to oxycodone.

Driving: Driving or other tasks requiring full alertness should not be attempted for the first few days of taking OxyContin or Oxy-IR, since you may experience drowsiness or sedation.

Reordering OxyContin/Oxy-IR: A new written prescription is required from your doctor each time you need more OxyContin or Oxy-IR. Therefore, it is important that you contact your doctor at least 3 working days before your current supply runs out. It is very important that you do not miss any doses.

Should your pain increase, or any other complaint develop as a result of taking OxyContin or Oxy-IR, contact your doctor immediately.