

## OXYCONTIN

Generic Ingredient(s):	Oxycodone hydrochloride
Legal Class:	CD
Drug Class:	<a href="#">Opiates</a>
How Supplied:	Oxycodone hydrochloride.
Price:	5mg blue tab, 28=£12.46. 10mg white tab, 56=£24.91. 20mg pink tab, 56=£49.82. 40mg yellow tab, 56=£99.66. 80mg green tab, 56=£199.33. All sust-release tabs marked with OC and strength.
Indications:	Moderate to severe cancer pain or post-operative pain. Severe pain requiring a strong opioid.
Adults:	New opioid patients or patients uncontrolled by weaker opioids: initially 10 mg every 12 hrs. Titrate, as frequently as once a day if necessary, until pain controlled. Patients transferring from morphine: base dose on ratio of oxycodone 10 mg being equivalent to oral morphine 20 mg and titrate for individual patient.
Children:	Less than 18 years, not recommended.
Contraindications:	Respiratory depression, head injury, paralytic ileus, acute abdomen, delayed gastric emptying, chronic obstructive airways disease, asthma, hypercarbia, moderate to severe hepatic impairment, severe renal impairment, cor pulmonale, chronic constipation, paralytic ileus, porphyria. Pregnancy, lactation. Sustained-

release preparations: within 24 hrs pre-op and post-op.

**Precautions:**

Severe pulmonary disease, chronic renal and hepatic impairment, hypothyroidism, raised intracranial pressure, hypotension, hypovolaemia, biliary tract disease, pancreatitis, inflammatory bowel disease, prostatic hypertrophy, adrenocortical insufficiency, abdominal surgery, drug or alcohol abuse, acute alcoholism, delirium tremens, toxic psychosis, debilitated patients. Elderly.

**Interactions:**

MAOIs, antidepressants, hypnotics, sedatives, phenothiazines, neuroleptic drugs, CNS depressants, alcohol, antihypertensives, anaesthetics, muscle relaxants, quinidine, cimetidine, ketoconazole, erythromycin.

**Side Effects:**

Tolerance, dependence, constipation, GI upset, dizziness, pruritus, urticaria, headache, dry mouth, sweating, drowsiness, asthenia, anorexia, anxiety, chills, CNS effects, respiratory depression