

OXYCODONE

It's 10 PM. Do your kids know what Oxy, O.C., Killer, Okies, or Oxycotton is?

Did you know...

If you've had recent surgery or persistent pain, you might know it as **Percodan, Percocet or Oxycotin and Tylox**, trade names for oxycodone, a central nervous system depressant. The above are "street names" the young people in your life might know.

How does it work?

Oxycodone's action appears to work through stimulating the opioid receptors found in the central nervous system that activate responses ranging from analgesia to respiratory depression to euphoria. People who take the drug repeatedly can develop a tolerance or resistance to the drug's effects. Thus, a cancer patient can take a dose of oxycodone on a regular basis that would be fatal in a person never exposed to oxycodone or another opioid. Most individuals who abuse oxycodone seek to gain the euphoric effects, mitigate pain, and avoid withdrawal symptoms associated with oxycodone

Side effects:

(when taken as directed): Constipation, dryness of the mouth, confusion, sedation, light-headedness, respiratory depression, nausea, vomiting, headache, sweating, and ulcers.

Symptoms of overdose:

Slow breathing (sometimes fatal), seizures, dizziness, weakness, loss of consciousness, confusion, cold or clammy skin, red eyes, and small pupils.

Be in the know, it could save you or your young person's life! Talk. Talk some more.



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