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OXYCONTIN is one of several OPIUM derivatives available by prescription. It is a high potency pain killer that comes in time release tablets that last for 12 hours. When used as prescribed it helps cancer patients and chronic pain sufferers manage their pain.



Why is it a problem?

Kids have figured out that if you chew/crush or snort the tablet that you bypass the time release feature and it will give you a high much like HIGH GRADE heroin but with worse consequences. Most kids are actually not aware of the heroin link and do not realize how DANGEROUS this drug is. 5mg of OXY has as much active ingredient (oxycodone) as One percocet. So chewing/snorting a 40mg OXY is like taking 8 percocets at once or a 80mg Oxy is like taking 16 percocets all at once but worse because percocets dissolve over 4 hours BUT crushing an OXY immediately puts all of the NARCOTIC in your system. Again KIDS just don't realize what they are putting into their system from ONE SMALL little pill.

What are the consequences?

Getting the full effect of the tablet all at once is like shooting high grade heroin but it is MORE addictive and more dangerous. Oxycontin suppresses the respiratory system and when combined with alcohol or other depressants it is often DEADLY. Often the user goes to sleep and his respirations slowly decrease until breathing stops completely.

Can a person LEGALLY prescribed OXYCONTIN become addicted?

Any Narcotic/Opiate used legally has the potential to lead to addiction. The CT Attorney General has stated the addiction rate is around 13%.

What are symptoms of an overdose?

Slow breathing, seizures, dizziness, weakness, loss of consciousness, coma, confusion, tiredness, COLD and CLAMMY SKIN and SMALL PUPILS.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOUR FRIEND IS IN DANGER OF AN OVERDOSE?

Official warnings on OXYCONTIN <http://www.pain.com/painexpo/exhibits/purdue/oxypi.cfm>

What are the street names for OXYCONTIN?

OXY, OXY's, OXIES, OXYCOTTON, OC's, KILLERS, OCEANS, O's, OXYCOFFINS, Hillbilly Heroin

How do you kick an OXYCONTIN addiction?

Just like heroin it is almost impossible to do alone as the withdrawal symptoms are worse than heroin and last longer. Professional help from a heroin detox center is the best and safest way to do this but there is NO painless way.

How much will cause an overdose?

Everyone's body is different but as little as half a pill when combined with alcohol or other depressants can lower your respiratory system enough to kill you. Taken in high doses OXYCONTIN alone can kill you.