

Maria's Key Points – OxyContin[®]

OxyContin Facts

- Contains oxycodone, a narcotic similar to morphine
- Slow-release relief for moderate to severe continuous pain expected to continue for a long time
- Breaking, crushing, chewing OxyContin tablets can result in overdose
- May result in physical dependence or be used by those with addiction
- Abusers may commit theft, armed robbery, fraud to sustain their habits
- Used as heroin substitute; attractive to heroin users
- OxyContin abusers who have never used heroin may turn to heroin



Physical Effects

- Pain relief
- Euphoria when used in the absence of pain
- Has narcotic effect – decreases ability to perform dangerous tasks
- Physical dependence

Mental and Emotional Effects

- Inability to concentrate
- Fogginess
- Drowsiness
- Impaired judgment