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## Oxycodone

### Overview

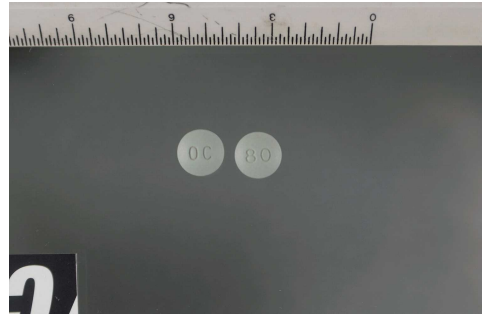
Oxycodone is a semi-synthetic narcotic analgesic and historically has been a popular drug of abuse among the narcotic abusing population.

### Street names

Hillbilly Heroin, Kicker, OC, Ox, Oxy, Perc, Roxy

### Looks like

Oxycodone is marketed alone as OxyContin® in 10, 20, 40 and 80 mg controlled-release tablets and other immediate-release capsules like 5 mg OxyIR®. It is also marketed in combination products with aspirin such as Percodan® or acetaminophen such as Roxicet®.



### Methods of abuse

Oxycodone is abused orally or intravenously. The tablets are crushed and sniffed or dissolved in water and injected. Others heat a tablet that has been placed on a piece of foil then inhale the vapors.

### Affect on mind

Euphoria and feelings of relaxation are the most common effects of oxycodone on the brain, which explains its high potential for abuse.

### Affect on body

Physiological effects of oxycodone include: pain relief, sedation, respiratory depression, constipation, papillary constriction, and cough suppression. Extended or chronic use of oxycodone containing acetaminophen may cause severe liver damage.

### Drugs causing similar effects

Drugs that cause similar effects to oxycodone include: opium, codeine, heroin, methadone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, and morphine.

### Overdose effects

Overdose effects include: extreme drowsiness, muscle weakness, confusion, cold and clammy skin, pinpoint pupils, shallow breathing, slow heart rate, fainting, coma, and possible death.

### Legal status in the United States

Oxycodone products are in Schedule II of the federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970.

### Common places of origin

Oxycodone is synthesized from thebaine, a constituent of the poppy plant.

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