OPIOIDS AND THE WORKPLACE: PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

INJURED ON THE JOB OR AT HOME? ASK YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER THESE QUESTIONS BEFORE ACCEPTING OPIOIDS.

It is estimated that as many as 25% of people who are prescribed opioids become addicted. Therefore, be sure to talk to your provider about the following:

- Are there nonopioid alternatives that could help with pain relief?
- Why do I need this medication? Is it right for me?
- How long should I take this medication?
- Could this treatment interact with my other medicine I am taking?
- How should I store my opioid medication to prevent other people from taking it?
- How can I reduce the risk of potential side effects from this medication?
- What if I have a history of addiction with tobacco, alcohol, or drugs?
- What if there is a history of addiction in my family?
- What should I do with unused opioid medicine?
- Can I have a prescription for Naloxone (overdose antidote)?

Discuss possible alternative pain treatments such as physical or vocational therapy; nonprescription medications such as naproxen sodium, ibuprofen, and acetaminophen; psychology; and others.

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Opioids	
Generic name	Brand names
Buprenorphine	Belbuca, Probuphine, Butrans, Buprenex, Subutex, Suboxone (contains Naloxone)
Codeine	Tylenol-Codeine No.3, Tylenol-Codeine No.4, Vopac
Dipheoxylate	Lomotil
Dsuvia	Sufenta
Fentanyl	Duragesic, Abstral, Subsys, Ionsys
Hydrocodone	Vicodin, Norco, Hycet, Zamicet, Lortab Elixir, Xodol 7.5/300, Vicodin HP, Xodol 10/300, Vicodin ES, Lorcet HD, and more
Hydromorphone	Dilaudid, Exalgo ER
Meperidine	Demerol
Methadone	Methadose, Diskets, Methadone Intensol, Dolophine
Morphine	Duramorph, MorphaBond ER, Infumorph P/F, Arymo ER, MS Contin, Astramorph-P
Naltrexone	Revia, Vivitrol
Oxycodone	OxyContin, Xtampza ER, Roxicodone, Oxaydo
Oxymorphone	Opana
Tramadol	ConZip, Ultram

- Never share medications with another person and be sure to store opioids in a secure location, preferably a locked cabinet.
- If your injury or illness is a workers' compensation claim, there may be specific guidelines for prescribing opioid pain medication that treating providers must follow. Consult your state workers' compensation board for details.