

MOUNTAIN VIEW PHARMACY

Drug: OPANA ER 40MG TAB

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GENERIC NAME: OXYMORPHONE (ox-i-MOR-fone)

COMMON USES: This medicine is a narcotic analgesic used to treat moderate to severe pain in patients who require continuous treatment of pain for long periods of time.

BEFORE USING THIS MEDICINE: WARNING: THIS MEDICINE MUST BE SWALLOWED WHOLE. Do NOT break, crush, dissolve, or chew this medicine before swallowing it. DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOL OR TAKE MEDICINES THAT CONTAIN ALCOHOL while you are using this medicine. Doing any of these things may cause this medicine to be absorbed into the body too quickly. This could result in very serious side effects, including severe trouble breathing and death from overdose. If you are unsure if any of your medicines contain alcohol, check with your doctor or pharmacist. THIS MEDICINE IS USED TO TREAT CONSTANT (around-the-clock), MODERATE TO SEVERE PAIN that is expected to last for an extended amount of time. This medicine is not for patients who only need occasional or "as-needed" pain relief. Some medicines or medical conditions may interact with this medicine. INFORM YOUR DOCTOR OR PHARMACIST of all prescription and over-the-counter medicine that you are taking. DO NOT TAKE THIS MEDICINE if you are also taking pentazocine, nalbuphine, butorphanol, buprenorphine, or sodium oxybate. ADDITIONAL MONITORING OF YOUR DOSE OR CONDITION may be needed if you are taking anticholinergics (such as hyoscyamine), antihistamines (such as chlorpheniramine or diphenhydramine), cimetidine, muscle relaxants (such as cyclobenzaprine), naltrexone, other narcotic medicines (such as codeine), phenothiazines (such as chlorpromazine), medicines for sleep (such as triazolam, zaleplon, or zolpidem), medicines for anxiety (such as diazepam), or monoamine oxidase inhibitors (such as selegiline or phenelzine). DO NOT START OR STOP any medicine without doctor or pharmacist approval. Inform your doctor of any other medical conditions including a history of alcohol or other substance abuse, adrenal gland problems (such as Addison disease), breathing or lung problems (such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), curvature of the spine, recent head injury, increased pressure in the brain, growths on the brain, gallbladder problems, heart problems (such as cor pulmonale), kidney problems, liver problems, low blood volume, mood or mental problems (such as delirium tremens or toxic psychosis), obesity, pancreas problems, enlarged prostate, recent surgery, seizures, sleep apnea, stomach problems, underactive thyroid, allergies, pregnancy, or breast-feeding. USE OF THIS MEDICINE IS NOT RECOMMENDED if you have a history of severe breathing problems (such as respiratory depression, severe bronchial asthma, or if you are having an asthma attack), certain severe bowel problems (such as paralytic ileus), persistent diarrhea (such as diarrhea due to poisoning or antibiotic use), moderate or severe liver problems, or certain blood problems (such as excess amounts of carbon dioxide in the blood). Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions or concerns about taking this medicine.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICINE: Follow the directions for using this medicine provided by your doctor. SWALLOW WHOLE. Do not break, crush, chew, or dissolve before swallowing. TAKE THIS MEDICINE ON AN EMPTY STOMACH at least 1 hour before or 2 hours after eating. STORE THIS MEDICINE at room temperature at 77 degrees F (25 degrees C), in a tightly-closed container, away from heat and light. Brief storage between 59 and 86 degrees F (15 and 30 degrees C) is permitted. IF YOU MISS A DOSE OF THIS MEDICINE, take it as soon as possible. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule. DO NOT take 2 doses at once.

CAUTIONS: DO NOT TAKE THIS MEDICINE if you have had an allergic reaction to it or are allergic to any ingredient in this product. DO NOT TAKE THIS MEDICINE IF YOU HAVE HAD A SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION to any morphine-related product (such as codeine, morphine, or hydromorphone). A severe allergic reaction includes a severe rash, hives, breathing difficulties, or dizziness. If you have a question about whether you are allergic to this medicine or if a certain product contains a morphine-related medicine (such as codeine, morphine, or hydromorphone), contact your doctor or pharmacist. If using this medicine for an extended period of time, DO NOT SUDDENLY STOP taking this medicine without your doctor's approval. When used for an extended period of time, this medicine may not work as well and may require different dosing. Talk with your doctor if this medicine stops working well. DO NOT CHANGE YOUR DOSE without first checking with your doctor. DO NOT EXCEED THE RECOMMENDED DOSE or take this medicine for longer than prescribed. Exceeding the recommended dose or taking this medicine for longer than prescribed may be habit-forming. BEFORE YOU HAVE ANY MEDICAL OR DENTAL SURGERY OR EMERGENCY TREATMENT, tell the doctor or dentist that you are taking this medicine. AVOID ALCOHOL while you are using this medicine. This medicine will add to the effects of alcohol and other depressants (such as sleep aids and tranquilizers). This medicine may cause drowsiness. DO NOT DRIVE, OPERATE MACHINERY, OR DO ANYTHING ELSE THAT COULD BE DANGEROUS until you know how you react to this medicine. Using this medicine alone, with other medicines, or with alcohol may lessen your ability to drive or to perform other potentially dangerous tasks. THIS MEDICINE MAY CAUSE DIZZINESS, lightheadedness, or fainting. Alcohol, hot weather, exercise, and fever can increase these effects. To prevent them, sit up or stand slowly, especially in the morning. Also, sit or lie down at the first sign of dizziness, lightheadedness, or weakness. BEFORE YOU BEGIN TAKING ANY NEW MEDICINE, either prescription or over-the-counter, check with your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any products containing alcohol. CAUTION IS ADVISED WHEN USING THIS MEDICINE IN THE ELDERLY because they may be more sensitive to the effects of the medicine especially dizziness, drowsiness, confusion, and nausea. FOR WOMEN: THIS MEDICINE HAS BEEN SHOWN TO CAUSE HARM to the human fetus. IF YOU PLAN ON BECOMING PREGNANT, discuss with your doctor the benefits and risks of using this medicine during pregnancy. IT IS UNKNOWN IF THIS MEDICINE IS EXCRETED in breast milk. DO NOT BREAST-FEED while taking this medicine.

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POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS: SIDE EFFECTS that may occur while you are taking this medicine include constipation, dizziness, drowsiness, dry mouth, gas, headache, lightheadedness, nausea, or vomiting. If they continue or are bothersome, check with your doctor. CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you experience blurred vision or vision changes, breakthrough pain, difficulty urinating, fever, loss of appetite, mood or mental changes (such as depression or anxiety), agitation, trouble sleeping, vomiting, weakness or fatigue, weight changes, or withdrawal symptoms (such as restlessness, increased sweating, runny nose, chills, or muscle aches). CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY if you experience confusion; difficulty breathing; fainting; hallucinations; seizures; slowed breathing; very fast, very slow or irregular heartbeat; or unusual weakness or fatigue. An allergic reaction to this medicine is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if it occurs. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include rash, itching, swelling, severe dizziness, or trouble breathing. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

OVERDOSE: If overdose is suspected, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately. Symptoms of overdose may include bluish skin; chest pain; cold and clammy skin; limp muscles; numbness of arms or legs; pinpoint pupils; slowed or difficult breathing; slowed heartbeat; severe drowsiness, dizziness, or lightheadedness; loss of consciousness; and coma.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: DO NOT SHARE THIS MEDICINE with others for whom it was not prescribed. DO NOT USE THIS MEDICINE for other health conditions. KEEP THIS MEDICINE out of the reach of children. Dispose of properly after use.

Special Note From Your Pharmacist: ORDER REFILLS ONLINE AT www.mtviewpharmacy.com

NOTE: The information in this monograph is not intended to cover all possible uses, directions, precautions, drug interactions, or adverse effects. The information is generalized and is not intended as specific medical advice. If you have questions about the medicines you are taking or would like more information, check with your doctor, pharmacist, or nurse. Copyright 2007 Wolters Kluwer Health, Inc. All rights reserved. Database Edition 07.4