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Vicoprofen

Generic Name: hydrocodone and ibuprofen (HYE dro KOE done and EYE bue pro fen)

Brand Names: *Ibudone, Reprexain, Vicoprofen, Xylon 10*

What is Vicoprofen?

Vicoprofen contains a combination of hydrocodone and ibuprofen. Hydrocodone is an opioid pain medication. An opioid is sometimes called a narcotic. Ibuprofen is a nonsteroidal anti inflammatory drug (NSAID). This medicine works by reducing substances in the body that cause pain, fever, and inflammation.

Vicoprofen is used short-term to relieve severe **pain**.

Vicoprofen is not for treating arthritis pain.

Important information

The hydrocodone found in Vicoprofen can slow or stop your breathing. Never use this medicine in larger amounts, or for longer than prescribed. Hydrocodone may be habit-forming. Never share Vicoprofen with another person, especially someone with a history of drug abuse or addiction.

MISUSE OF NARCOTIC MEDICINE CAN CAUSE ADDICTION, OVERDOSE, OR DEATH, especially in a child or other person using Vicoprofen without a prescription.

The ibuprofen found in Vicoprofen can increase your risk of fatal heart attack or stroke, especially if you use it long term or take high doses, or if you have heart disease. Do not use Vicoprofen just before or after heart bypass surgery (coronary artery bypass graft, or CABG).

Ibuprofen may also cause stomach or intestinal bleeding, which can be fatal. These conditions can occur without warning while you are using ibuprofen, especially in older adults.

Before taking this medicine

Ibuprofen can increase your risk of fatal heart attack or stroke, especially if you use it long term or take high doses, or if you have heart disease. Even people without heart disease or risk factors could have a stroke or heart attack while taking Vicoprofen.

Ibuprofen may also cause stomach or intestinal bleeding, which can be fatal. These conditions can occur without warning while you are using this medicine, especially in older adults.

You should not use Vicoprofen if you are allergic to hydrocodone or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), or if you have ever had an asthma attack or severe allergic reaction after taking aspirin or an NSAID. **Do not use Vicoprofen just before or after heart bypass surgery (coronary artery bypass graft, or CABG).**

Some medicines can interact with hydrocodone and cause a serious condition called serotonin syndrome. Be sure your doctor knows if you also take medicine for depression, mental illness, Parkinson's disease, migraine headaches, serious infections, or prevention of nausea and vomiting. Ask your doctor before making any changes in how or when you take your medications.

To make sure Vicoprofen is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have:

- heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, fluid retention, diabetes, or if you smoke;

- a history of heart attack, stroke, or blood clot;
- a history of stomach ulcers or bleeding;
- any type of breathing problem or lung disease;
- liver or kidney disease;
- a history of head injury, brain tumor, or seizures;
- underactive thyroid, Addison's disease or other adrenal gland disorder;
- urination problems; or
- a history of drug abuse, alcohol addiction, or mental illness; or
- if you use a sedative like Valium (diazepam, alprazolam, lorazepam, Ativan, Klonopin, Restoril, Tranxene, Versed, Xanax, and others).

Vicoprofen can harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant. **If you use hydrocodone while you are pregnant, your baby could become dependent on the drug.** This can cause life-threatening withdrawal symptoms in the baby after it is born. Babies born dependent on habit-forming medicine may need medical treatment for several weeks.

It is not known whether hydrocodone and ibuprofen passes into breast milk or if it could harm a nursing baby. You should not breast-feed while you are using Vicoprofen.

How should I take Vicoprofen?

Take Vicoprofen exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Follow all directions on your prescription label. Hydrocodone can slow or stop your breathing. Never take this medicine in larger amounts, or for longer than prescribed. Use the lowest dose that is effective in treating your condition. Tell your doctor if the medicine seems to stop working as well in relieving your pain.

Hydrocodone may be habit-forming, even at regular doses. Never share this medicine with another person, especially someone with a history of drug abuse or addiction. **MISUSE OF NARCOTIC MEDICINE CAN CAUSE ADDICTION, OVERDOSE, OR DEATH, especially in a child or other person using the medicine without a prescription.** Selling or giving away Vicoprofen is against the law.

If you need surgery, tell the surgeon ahead of time that you are using Vicoprofen. You may need to stop using the medicine for a short time.

Store Vicoprofen at room temperature away from moisture and heat. Keep track of the amount of medicine used. Hydrocodone is a drug of abuse and you should be aware if anyone is using your medicine improperly or without a prescription.

Vicoprofen dosing information

Usual Adult Dose of Vicoprofen for Pain:

For short-term (generally less than 10 days) management of acute pain:
1 tablet every 4 to 6 hours as needed

Maximum dosage: 5 tablets in 24 hours

See also: Dosage Information (in more detail)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Since this medicine is used for pain, you are not likely to miss a dose. Skip any missed dose if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose. Do not use extra medicine to make up the missed dose.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222. **A hydrocodone overdose can be fatal, especially in a child or other person using the medicine without a prescription.**

Overdose symptoms may include vomiting, black or bloody stools, coughing up blood, confusion, muscle weakness, cold and clammy skin, slow heart rate, blue lips, shallow breathing, or fainting.

What should I avoid while taking Vicoprofen?

Vicoprofen may impair your thinking or reactions. Avoid driving or operating machinery until you know how the medicine will affect you. Dizziness or severe drowsiness can cause falls or other accidents.

Avoid drinking alcohol. Dangerous side effects could occur.

Ask a doctor or pharmacist before using any cold, allergy, or pain medication. Many medicines available over the counter contain aspirin or other medicines similar to ibuprofen (such as ketoprofen or naproxen). Taking certain products together can cause you to get too much of this type of medication. Check the label to see if a medicine contains aspirin, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, or naproxen.

Vicoprofen side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction to Vicoprofen**: sneezing, runny or stuffy nose; wheezing or trouble breathing; hives; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of a heart attack or stroke**: chest pain spreading to your jaw or shoulder, sudden numbness or weakness on one side of the body, slurred speech, leg swelling, feeling short of breath.

Stop using Vicoprofen and call your doctor at once if you have:

- weak or shallow breathing, sighing, slow heartbeat;
- shortness of breath (even with mild exertion);
- swelling or rapid weight gain;
- the first sign of any skin rash, no matter how mild;
- infertility, missed menstrual periods, impotence, sexual problems, loss of interest in sex;
- signs of stomach bleeding--bloody or tarry stools, coughing up blood or vomit that looks like coffee grounds;
- liver problems--nausea, upper stomach pain, itching, tired feeling, flu-like symptoms, loss of appetite, dark urine, clay-colored stools, jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes);
- low cortisol levels-- nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, dizziness, worsening tiredness or weakness.
- kidney problems--little or no urinating, painful or difficult urination, swelling in your feet or ankles, feeling tired or short of breath;
- low red blood cells (anemia)--pale skin, feeling light-headed or short of breath, rapid heart rate, trouble concentrating; or
- severe skin reaction--fever, sore throat, swelling in your face or tongue, burning in your eyes, skin pain followed by a red or purple skin rash that spreads (especially in the face or upper body) and causes blistering and peeling.

Seek medical attention right away if you have symptoms of serotonin syndrome, such as: agitation, hallucinations, fever, sweating, shivering, fast heart rate, muscle stiffness, twitching, loss of coordination, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

Breathing problems or stomach bleeding may be more likely in older adults and people who are severely ill, malnourished, or otherwise debilitated.

Common Vicoprofen side effects may include:

- headache, dizziness, weakness;
- stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, indigestion, gas;
- constipation, diarrhea;
- feeling anxious or nervous;
- dry mouth;
- sweating, itching; or
- sleep problems (insomnia).

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

See also: Side effects (in more detail)

What other drugs will affect Vicoprofen?

Some medicines can cause unwanted or dangerous effects when used with Vicoprofen. Tell each of your healthcare providers about all medicines you use now, and any medicine you start or stop using.

Using this medicine with other drugs that make you sleepy or slow your breathing can cause dangerous or life-threatening side effects. Ask your doctor before taking a sleeping pill, narcotic pain medicine, prescription cough medicine, a muscle relaxer, or medicine for anxiety, depression, or seizures.

Other drugs may interact with hydrocodone and ibuprofen, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal products. Not all possible interactions are listed in this medication guide.

Where can I get more information?

- Your pharmacist can provide more information about Vicoprofen.
- Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use Vicoprofen only for the indication prescribed.
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