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Robaxin

Generic Name: methocarbamol (meth oh KAR ba mal)

Brand names: *Robaxin, Robaxin-750, Carbacot, Skelex*

Overview

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What is Robaxin?

Robaxin (methocarbamol) is a muscle relaxant. It works by blocking nerve impulses (or pain sensations) that are sent to your brain.

Robaxin is used together with rest and physical therapy to treat skeletal muscle conditions such as pain or injury.

Robaxin may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Important information about Robaxin

You should not use Robaxin if you are allergic to methocarbamol.

Before using Robaxin, tell your doctor if you have myasthenia gravis.

You may need to reduce your Robaxin dose after the first 2 or 3 days of treatment. Follow your doctor's instructions regarding the number of tablets you take each day.

Robaxin may impair your thinking or reactions. Be careful if you drive or do anything that requires you to be alert. Drinking alcohol can increase certain side effects of Robaxin.

Before taking Robaxin?

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FDA pregnancy category C. It is not known whether Robaxin will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant while using this medication. It is not known whether methocarbamol passes into breast milk or if it could harm a nursing baby. Do not use this medication without telling your doctor if you are breastfeeding a baby.

See also: [Robaxin pregnancy and breastfeeding warnings](#) (in more detail)

How should I take Robaxin?

Take Robaxin exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Do not take in larger or smaller amounts or for longer than recommended. Follow the directions on your prescription label.

You may need to reduce your Robaxin dose after the first 2 or 3 days of treatment. Follow your doctor's instructions regarding the number of tablets you take each day.

Robaxin can cause unusual results with certain medical tests. Tell any doctor who treats you that you are using this medicine.

Robaxin is only part of a complete program of treatment that may also include rest, physical therapy, or other pain relief measures. Follow your doctor's instructions.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

What happens if I miss a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose. Do not take 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.

Overdose symptoms may include extreme drowsiness, fainting, or seizure (convulsions).

What should I avoid while taking Robaxin?

Robaxin may impair your thinking or reactions. Be careful if you drive or do anything that requires you to be alert. Drinking alcohol can increase certain side effects of Robaxin.

Robaxin side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have any of these signs of an allergic reaction to Robaxin: hives; difficulty breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Stop using Robaxin and call your doctor at once if you have a serious side effect such as:

- fever, chills, flu symptoms;
- slow heart rate;
- feeling like you might pass out;
- seizure (convulsions); or
- jaundice (yellowing of your skin or eyes).

Less serious Robaxin side effects may include:

- dizziness, spinning sensation, drowsiness;
- headache, confusion, memory problems, loss of balance or coordination;
- nausea, vomiting, upset stomach;
- flushing (warmth, redness, or tingly feeling);
- blurred vision, double vision, eye redness;
- sleep problems (insomnia);
- stuffy nose; or
- mild itching or rash.

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: [Robaxin side effects](#) (in more detail)

What other drugs will affect Robaxin?

Before using Robaxin, tell your doctor if you regularly use other medicines that make you sleepy (such as cold or allergy medicine, sedatives, narcotic pain medicine, sleeping pills, muscle relaxers, and medicine for seizures, depression, or anxiety). They can add to sleepiness caused by Robaxin.

Tell your doctor about all other medicines you use, especially pyridostigmine (Mestinon).

This list is not complete and other drugs may interact with Robaxin. Tell your doctor about all medications you use. This includes prescription, over-the-counter, vitamin, and herbal products. Do not start a new medication without telling your doctor.

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More about Robaxin (methocarbamol)

Consumer resources

- [Robaxin](#)
- [Robaxin tablets](#)
- [Robaxin](#) (Advanced Reading)
- [Robaxin Injection](#) (Advanced Reading)

Professional resources

- [Robaxin](#) (AHFS Monograph)
- [Robaxin](#) (FDA)
- [Robaxin Tablets](#) (FDA)

Other Robaxin formulations

- [Robaxin-750](#)

Compare Robaxin with other treatments for:

- [Muscle Spasm](#)
- [Opiate Withdrawal](#)
- [Tetanus](#)

Where can I get more information?

- Your pharmacist can provide more information about Robaxin.

Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed.

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