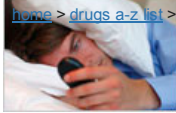


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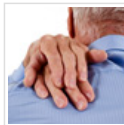
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Norco (hydrocodone bitartrate and acetaminophen) is an opioid analgesic and antitussive (cough suppressant) combined with acetaminophen and used to treat moderate to fairly severe pain. All strengths of Norco are available as a generic combined with acetaminophen. The most frequent side effects of Norco are anxiety, dizziness, drowsiness, lightheadedness, nausea, vomiting, upset stomach, constipation, headache, mood changes, blurred vision, ringing in your ears, or dry mouth. When taking Norco, the patient should not drive or do other tasks that require concentration and focus to avoid harming themselves or others.

Norco is supplied in tablet forms with strengths of 7.5 or 10 mg of hydrocodone bitartrate

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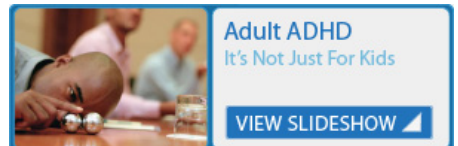
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combined with 325 mg of acetaminophen. The daily dose for both strengths is one tablet every 4 to 6 hours as needed for pain. No more than 6 tablets should be taken over 24 hours. Short treatment (less than a week) usually does not cause patient's to become dependent on the drug, develop tolerance, or develop an opioid withdrawal syndrome. Longer constant use may allow these serious side effects to develop. Some patients, especially if they exceed the recommended doses, can experience respiratory depression and death. Most medications that depress the central nervous system can enhance the effects of Norco (antihistamines, narcotics, anti-anxiety medications and alcohol); this enhancement may cause respiratory depression so doses of Norco. There are no studies that suggest Norco is safe to use in pregnancy or in pediatric patients; however, pregnant women taking Norco regularly will produce an infant likely to be opioid dependent and may have respiratory depression. Studies with lactating women taking Norco are lacking so the safety is at best, questionable. Although the above is written about Norco, readers should be aware that over 250 different drugs are available that have the same two (or more) combinations of drugs as Norco and thus have a similar drug profile.

Our Norco Side Effects Drug Center provides a comprehensive view of available drug information on the potential side effects when taking this medication.

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.

Norco in Detail - Patient Information: Side Effects

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

Call your doctor at once if you have any of these serious side effects:

- shallow breathing, slow heartbeat;
- feeling light-headed, fainting;
- confusion, fear, unusual thoughts or behavior;
- seizure (convulsions);
- problems with urination; or
- nausea, upper stomach pain, itching, loss of appetite, dark urine, clay-colored stools, jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes).

Less serious side effects may include:

- anxiety, dizziness, drowsiness;
- mild nausea, vomiting, upset stomach, constipation;
- headache, mood changes;
- blurred vision;
- ringing in your ears; or
- dry mouth.

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SIDE EFFECTS: See also Warning section.

Nausea, vomiting, constipation, lightheadedness, dizziness, or drowsiness may occur. Some of these side effects may decrease after you have been using this medication for a while. If any of these effects persist or worsen, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly.



To prevent constipation, eat a diet adequate in fiber, drink plenty of water, and exercise. Consult your pharmacist for help in selecting a laxative (such as a stimulant type with stool softener).

To reduce the risk of dizziness and lightheadedness, get up slowly when rising from a sitting or lying position.

Remember that your doctor has prescribed this medication because he or she has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects.

Tell your doctor right away if you have any serious side effects, including: mental/mood changes (such as agitation, confusion, hallucinations), stomach/abdominal pain, difficulty urinating.

Get medical help right away if you have any very serious side effects, including: fainting, seizure, slow/shallow breathing, unusual drowsiness/difficulty waking up.

A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, get medical help right away if you notice any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including: rash, itching/swelling (especially of the face/tongue/throat), severe dizziness, trouble breathing.

This is not a complete list of possible side effects. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

In the US -

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

In Canada - Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to Health Canada at 1-866-234-2345.

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SIDE EFFECTS

The most frequently reported adverse reactions are lightheadedness, dizziness, sedation, nausea and vomiting. These effects seem to be more prominent in ambulatory than in nonambulatory patients, and some of these adverse reactions may be alleviated if the patient lies down.

Other adverse reactions include:

Central Nervous System: Drowsiness, mental clouding, lethargy, impairment of mental and physical performance, anxiety, fear, [dysphoria](#), psychic dependence, mood changes.

Gastrointestinal System: Prolonged administration of NORCO (hydrocodone bitartrate and acetaminophen) ® may produce constipation.

Genitourinary System: Ureteral spasm, spasm of vesical sphincters and urinary retention have been reported with opiates.

Respiratory Depression: Hydrocodone bitartrate may produce dose-related respiratory depression by acting directly on the brain stem respiratory centers (see [OVERDOSAGE](#)).

Special Senses: Cases of hearing impairment or permanent loss have been reported predominantly in patients with chronic overdose.

Dermatological: Skin rash, [pruritus](#).

The following adverse drug events may be borne in mind as potential effects of [acetaminophen](#): allergic reactions, rash, thrombocytopenia, [agranulocytosis](#). Potential effects of high dosage are listed in the [OVERDOSAGE](#) section.

DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE

Controlled Substance: NORCO (hydrocodone bitartrate and acetaminophen) ® is classified as a Schedule III controlled substance.

Abuse and Dependence: Psychic dependence, physical dependence, and tolerance may develop upon repeated administration of narcotics; therefore, this product should be prescribed and administered with caution. However, psychic dependence is unlikely to develop when NORCO (hydrocodone bitartrate and acetaminophen) ® is used for a short time for the treatment of pain.

Physical dependence, the condition in which continued administration of the drug is required to prevent the appearance of a withdrawal syndrome, assumes clinically significant proportions only after several weeks of continued narcotic use, although some mild degree of physical dependence may develop after a few days of narcotic therapy. Tolerance, in which increasingly large doses are required in order to produce the same degree of [analgesia](#), is manifested initially by a shortened duration of [analgesic](#) effect, and subsequently by decreases in the intensity of analgesia. The rate of development of tolerance varies among patients.

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