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Norco

GENERIC NAME(S): Hydrocodone-Acetaminophen

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WARNINGS: Hydrocodone/acetaminophen has a risk for abuse and [addiction](#), which can lead to [overdose](#) and death... [Show More](#)

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Uses

This combination [medication](#) is used to relieve moderate to severe pain. It contains an [opioid \(narcotic\)](#) pain reliever ([hydrocodone](#)) and a non-opioid pain reliever ([acetaminophen](#)). Hydrocodone works in the [brain](#) to change how your body feels and responds to pain. Acetaminophen can also reduce a fever.

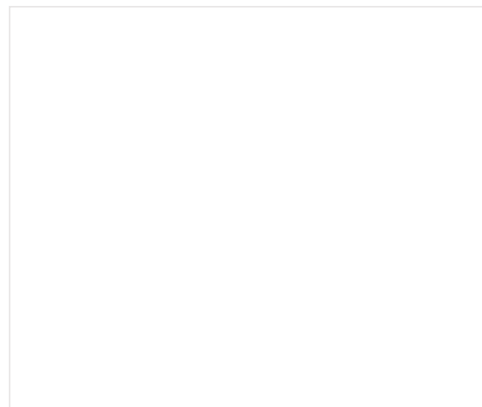
This product is not recommended for use in children younger than 6 years due to an increased risk of serious side effects (such as slow/shallow breathing).

How to use Norco

See also Warning section.

Read the [Medication](#) Guide and, if available, the Patient Information Leaflet provided by your [pharmacist](#) before you start taking this medication and each time you get a refill. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Take this medication by [mouth](#) as directed by your doctor. You may take this drug with or without food. If you have [nausea](#), it may help to take this drug with food. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about other ways to decrease [nausea](#) (such as lying down for 1 to 2 hours with as little head movement as possible).



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take it for a longer time than prescribed. Properly stop the medication when so directed.

Pain [medications](#) work best if they are used as the first [signs of pain](#) occur. If you wait until the pain has worsened, the medication may not work as well.

If you have ongoing pain (such as due to [cancer](#)), your doctor may direct you to also take long-acting [opioid](#) medications. In that case, this medication might be used for sudden (breakthrough) pain only as needed. Other pain relievers (such as [ibuprofen](#), [naproxen](#)) may also be prescribed. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about using this product safely with other drugs.

This medication may cause withdrawal reactions, especially if it has been used regularly for a long time or in high doses. In such cases, withdrawal symptoms (such as restlessness, watering [eyes](#), [runny nose](#), nausea, [sweating](#), muscle aches) may occur if you suddenly stop using this medication. To prevent withdrawal reactions, your doctor may reduce your dose gradually. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more details, and report any withdrawal reactions right away.

When this medication is used for a long time, it may not work as well. Talk with your doctor if this medication stops working well.

Though it helps many people, this medication may sometimes cause [addiction](#). This risk may be higher if you have a substance use disorder (such as overuse of or addiction to drugs/alcohol). Take this medication exactly as prescribed to lower the risk of addiction. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more details.

Tell your doctor if your pain persists or worsens.

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