



Opioids (such as hydrocodone, oxycodone, codeine and morphine) are not right for everyone. They can have some very serious side effects. Ask your health care provider these questions *BEFORE* taking opioids.

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- Why do I need this medication—is it right for me?*
- How long should I take this medication?*
- Are there non-opioid alternatives that could help with pain relief while I recover?*
- How can I reduce the risk of potential side effects from this medication?*
- What if I have a history of addiction with tobacco, alcohol or drugs?*
- What if there is a history of addiction in my family?*
- Could this treatment interact with my other medicine for anxiety, sleeping problems, or seizures?*
- Can I share this medication with someone else? Why not?*
- How should I store my opioid medication to prevent other people from taking it?*
- What should I do with unused opioid medicine?*
- Can I have an Rx for naloxone?*

For more information, visit <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/what-ask-your-doctor-taking-opioids>