



Rx Pain Medications

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Common Names for Prescription Opioid Pain Medications

Different names are often used for the same drugs, which can make it hard to tell exactly what type of pain medication is being taken. This can result in patients misidentifying the types of medications they are on, failing to report certain medications to their health care provider, or duplicating therapy by unknowingly taking the name brand and generic versions of one medication.

The table below outlines some common brand and slang names for prescription opioid pain medications. Be sure to tell your health care provider about any and all medications you are taking, in order to avoid potentially dangerous combinations.

Medication Generic Name	Brand Names	Street/Slang Names
Oxycodone	OxyContin®, Percodan®, Percocet®, and others	O.C., Oxycet, Oxycotton, Oxy, Hillbilly Heroin, Percs
Hydrocodone or dihydrocodeinone (typically combined with acetaminophen)	Vicodin®, Lortab®, Lorcet®, and others	Vike, Watson-387
Morphine	Kadian®, Avinza®, MS Contin®, Duramorph®, Roxanol®	M, Miss Emma, Monkey, White Stuff
Codeine	Various brand names; often combined with acetaminophen and aspirin	Captain Cody, Cody, Lean, Schoolboy, Sizzurp, Purple Drank With glutethimide: Doors & Fours, Loads, Pancakes and Syrup
Fentanyl	Duragesic®, Actiq®, Sublimaze®	Apache, China Girl, China White, Dance Fever, Friend, Goodfella, Jackpot, Murder 8, Tango and Cash, TNT
Hydromorphone	Dilaudid®	D, Dillies, Footballs, Juice, Smack
Meperidine	Demerol®	Demmies
Oxymorphone	Opana®	Biscuits, Blue Heaven, Blues, Mrs. O, O Bomb, Octagons, Stop Signs

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