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Norco is used to relieve moderate to severe pain.

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

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Do not take more Norco than is recommended. An overdose of acetaminophen can damage your liver or cause death. Call your doctor at once if you have nausea, pain in your upper stomach, itching, loss of appetite, dark urine, clay-colored stools, or jaundice (yellowing of your skin or eyes).

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Before taking this medicine

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- a colostomy or ileostomy;
- kidney disease;
- low blood pressure, or if you are dehydrated;
- a history of head injury, brain tumor, or stroke; or
- asthma, COPD, sleep apnea, or other breathing disorders.

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It is not known whether Norco is harmful to an unborn baby. If you use narcotic medicine while you are pregnant, your baby could become dependent on the drug. This can cause life-threatening withdrawal symptoms in the baby after it is born. Babies born dependent on habit-forming medicine may need medical treatment for several weeks. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant while using this medication.

Acetaminophen and hydrocodone can pass into breast milk and may harm a nursing baby. You should not breast-feed while using this medicine.

How should I take Norco?

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If you need surgery, tell the surgeon ahead of time that you are using this medicine. You may need to stop using the medicine for a short time.

Do not stop using this medicine suddenly after long-term use, or you could have unpleasant withdrawal symptoms. Ask your doctor how to avoid withdrawal symptoms when you stop using Norco.

Store Norco at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

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What happens if I overdose?

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The first signs of an acetaminophen overdose include loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, sweating, and confusion or weakness. Later symptoms may include pain in your upper stomach, dark urine, and yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes.

Overdose symptoms may also include extreme drowsiness, pinpoint pupils, cold and clammy skin, muscle weakness, fainting, weak pulse, slow heart rate, coma, blue lips, shallow breathing, or no breathing

What should I avoid?

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Ask a doctor or pharmacist before using any other cold, allergy, pain, or sleep medication. Acetaminophen (sometimes abbreviated as APAP) is contained in many combination medicines. Taking certain products together can cause you to get too much acetaminophen which can lead to a fatal overdose. Check the label to see if a medicine contains acetaminophen or APAP.

Avoid drinking alcohol. It may increase your risk of liver damage while taking acetaminophen.

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

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See also: Side effects (in more detail)

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Drug Status

Availability Rx
Prescription only

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Pregnancy Category C
Risk cannot be ruled out
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CSA schedule 2
High potential for abuse
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Approval History Calendar
Drug history at FDA
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Manufacturer

Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (now Actavis, Inc)

Drug Class

Narcotic analgesic combinations

Related Drugs

Back Pain

tramadol, naproxen, Cymbalta, aspirin, ibuprofen, diclofenac, duloxetine, Vicodin, Ultram, indomethacin, Voltaren, More...

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Brand Names: *Hycet, Lorcet, Lortab, Norco, Verdrocet, Xodol, Zolvit*

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