

KNOW THE OPIOID

BEHIND THE BRAND

Most patients don't realize they are taking opioids because they only see the brand name on their prescription slip. This can lead to trouble if you keep using these highly addictive drugs without knowing it.

Here are the five most commonly prescribed opioids, including their brand names and reasons for prescription, to help you understand what drugs you are taking.

Please note: The pills shown here are just examples, and your actual prescription might look different.



HYDROCODONE

SOLD AS: Vicodin®, Norco®, Lortab®

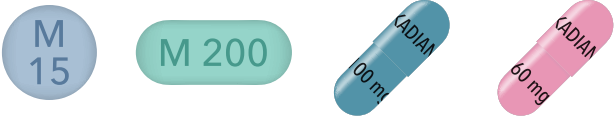
USED FOR: Post-surgery, dental procedures, injuries. One of the most commonly prescribed painkillers in the US.



TRAMADOL

SOLD AS: Ultram®, Ultracet®

USED FOR: moderate pain, nerve pain, muscle and joint conditions Tramadol is considered one of the milder opioids.



MORPHINE

SOLD AS: MS Contin®, Kadian®

USED FOR: Severe pain, cancer pain, end-of-life care. Morphine is one of the oldest and most well-known opioids.



OXYCODONE

SOLD AS: Percocet®, Roxicodone®, OxyContin®

USED FOR: Moderate to severe pain. OxyContin® is the slow-release version.



CODEINE

SOLD AS: Tylenol® with Codeine, Robitussin AC®

USED FOR: Cough suppressant, moderate pain Codeine is considered less risky than most other opioids.

FENTANYL

SOLD AS: Duragesic® patches, Actiq® lozenges, Subsys®

USED FOR: chronic severe pain, breakthrough cancer pain. Fentanyl is an extremely potent drug. It can be found in most street drugs and is responsible for almost all overdose deaths.



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