

OXYCODONE IR 5MG/TABLET
Instruction Sheet

**HIGH ALERT/HIGH
RISK
MEDICATION**

Oxycodone is indicated to control pain or relieve breathing difficulties.

Directions: Oxycodone IR is supplied in 5mg tablets These tablets may be crushed

- To give **5mg**, give the entire tablet
- To give **10mg**, give 2 tablets
- To give **20mg**, give 4 tablets

Please use extra care when preparing the medication. It is important to use the correct amount. If you are unsure of the proper dosage, please contact a Hospice Alliance nurse for guidance.

Oxycodone may be swallowed, however if the patient is unable to swallow or has difficulty swallowing, you may crush the medication. Oxycodone can be added to foods such as applesauce, pudding or yogurt to help the patient swallow. If the patient is unable to swallow, add water and draw up into an oral syringe. Place the medication under the tongue or in the cheek between the teeth and cheek. Oxycodone will then be absorbed into the oral mucosa tissue.

Oxycodone is a rapid acting medication and is usually effective within ten to twenty minutes.

Side effects of Oxycodone include drowsiness, dizziness, lightheadedness, itching, nausea/vomiting mental changes. Do not drive a vehicle, operate machinery, or drink alcohol when taking this medication. Do not share this medication with anyone else. Please notify your nurse if you are experiencing any side effects of the medication.

Taking opioid medications may cause constipation. Please discuss a bowel program with your nurse to ensure that constipation is not an issue.

If you have any questions relating to this, or any medication, please do not hesitate to call us; day or night at 262-652-4400