

# Patient Education - Naltrexone 3mg Capsules

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Patient Education Insert

-Only use medication as prescribed

This medication was compounded by a pharmacy per prescriber request. Store at room temperature (68 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit). Keep away from children and pets. Do not flush unused medications or pour down a sink or drain.

Do not use more than your medical provider has instructed you to use. Do not use more often or for longer than you were instructed. Doing any of these may increase the chance of undesirable side effects.

The "Do not use after" date printed on the prescription label is generated using State & Federal compounding laws. Some preparations are made 1-3 days before the prescription is issued, in anticipation of expected demand. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to call and speak to one of our pharmacists.

Do not use if an allergic reaction occurs due to any of the listed active ingredients on the prescription label. Signs of an allergic reaction may include rash hives itching shortness of breath wheezing cough swelling of face, lips, tongue or throat or any other signs.

Contact your medical provider or pharmacy if you have concerns about listed side effects or if you experience unexpected irritation. Notify your medical provider of any medical updates and of all drug changes including over-the-counter and herbal medications.

If you miss a dose, take as soon as you remember. If it is close to the next dose, skip the missed dose. Do not take double the dosage.

We want to offer you the best service possible. In the event you have a concern or complaint please call the pharmacy at 385-900-1400.

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program - Website: <https://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm> - Toll free number: 1-888-463-6332

Please review the following:

Naltrexone blocks the effects of opioid medication, including pain relief or feelings of well-being that can lead to opioid abuse. An opioid is sometimes called a narcotic. Naltrexone is used as part of a treatment program for drug or alcohol dependence.

Naltrexone is used to prevent relapse in people who became dependent on opioid medicine and then stopped using it, and can help keep you from feeling a "need" to use the opioid.

Naltrexone is also used to treat alcoholism by reducing your urge to drink alcohol. This may help you drink less or stop drinking completely, but will not cause you to "sober up" and will not decrease the effects of alcohol you recently consumed. Naltrexone is not a cure for drug addiction or alcoholism.

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

You should not use naltrexone if you are having drug or alcohol withdrawal symptoms, or if you have taken any opioid medicine within the past 2 weeks.

Do not take naltrexone if you still use opioid medicine, or you could have sudden and severe withdrawal symptoms.

You should not use naltrexone if you are allergic to it, or if:

- you are having withdrawal symptoms from drug or alcohol addiction
- you have used any opioid medicine within the past 10 days (including fentanyl, Vicodin, OxyContin, and many others) or
- you have used methadone or buprenorphine (Subutex, Butrans, Suboxone, Zubsolv) in the past 14 days.

To make sure naltrexone is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have kidney disease liver disease or a bleeding or blood-clotting disorder such as hemophilia.

It is not known whether naltrexone will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Naltrexone can pass into breast milk and may harm a nursing baby. You should not breast-feed while using this medicine.

Naltrexone is not approved for use by anyone younger than 18 years old.

Your doctor may recommend that naltrexone be given to you by a family member or other caregiver. This is to make sure you are using the medicine as it was prescribed as part of your treatment.

Take the naltrexone tablet with a full glass of water & you may be taken with food if it upsets your stomach.

If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose. Do not take extra medicine to make up the missed dose regularly to get the most benefit.

Do not use narcotic medication, heroin, or other street drugs while you are taking naltrexone. Never try to overcome the effects of naltrexone by taking large doses of opioids. Doing so could result in dangerous effects, including coma and death.

Do not drink alcohol while you are taking naltrexone.

Ask your doctor before using any medicine to treat a cold, cough, diarrhea, or pain. These medicines may contain narcotics or alcohol.

Naltrexone may impair your thinking or reactions. Be careful if you drive or do anything that requires you to be alert.

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

Using opioid medicine while you are taking naltrexone could stimulate opioid withdrawal symptoms. Common withdrawal symptoms are yawning, irritability, sweating, fever, chills, shaking, vomiting, diarrhea, watery eyes, runny nose, goose bumps, body aches, trouble sleeping, and feeling restless.

Call your doctor at once if you have severe nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, mood changes, confusion, hallucinations (seeing or hearing things) depression, thoughts about

suicide or hurting yourself or liver problemsnausea, upper stomach pain, itching, tired feeling, loss of appetite, dark urine, clay-colored stools, jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes).

Common side effects may include: nausea, vomiting, stomach pain headache, dizziness, drowsiness feeling anxious or nervous sleep problems (insomnia) or muscle or joint aches.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur.