#### **MEDICATION GUIDE**

# Hydrocodone Bitartrate (hye" droe koe' done bye tar' trate) and Acetaminophen (a seet"a min' oh fen) Tablets USP, $(\Pi')$

### Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets are:

- A strong prescription pain medicine that contains an opioid (narcotic) that is used to manage pain severe enough to require an opioid pain medicine, when other pain treatments such as non-opioid pain medicines do not treat your pain well enough or you cannot tolerate them.
- An opioid pain medicine that can put you at risk for overdose and death. Even if you take your dose
  correctly as prescribed you are at risk for opioid addiction, abuse, and misuse that can lead to death.

## Important information about Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets:

- Get emergency help or call 911 right away if you take too much Hydrocodone Bitartrate
  and Acetaminophen Tablets (overdose). When you first start taking Hydrocodone Bitartrate
  and Acetaminophen Tablets, when your dose is changed, or if you take too much (overdose),
  serious or life-threatening breathing problems that can lead to death may occur. Talk to your
  healthcare provider about naloxone, a medicine for the emergency treatment of an opioid
  overdose.
- Taking Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets with other opioid medicines, benzodiazepines, alcohol, or other central nervous system depressants (including street drugs) can cause severe drowsiness, decreased awareness, breathing problems, coma, and death.
- Never give anyone else your Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets. They could
  die from taking it. Selling or giving away Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets is
  against the law.
- Store Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets securely, out of sight and reach of children, and in a location not accessible by others, including visitors to the home.

### Do not take Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets if you have:

- severe asthma, trouble breathing, or other lung problems.
- a bowel blockage or have narrowing of the stomach or intestines.
- known hypersensitivity to hydrocodone or acetaminophen, or any ingredient in Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets

# Before taking Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets, tell your healthcare provider if you have a history of:

- head injury, seizures
- liver, kidney, thyroid problems
- problems urinating
- pancreas or gallbladder problems
- abuse of street or prescription drugs, alcohol addiction, opioid overdose, or mental health problems.

#### Tell your healthcare provider if you are:

- pregnant or planning to become pregnant. Prolonged use of Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets during pregnancy can cause withdrawal symptoms in your newborn baby that could be life-threatening if not recognized and treated.
- breastfeeding. Hydrocodone bitartrate and acetaminophen passes into breast milk and may harm your baby.
- living in a household where there are small children or someone who has abused street or prescription drugs.
- taking prescription or over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements. Taking Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets with certain other medicines can cause serious side effects that could lead to death.

#### When taking Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets:

- Do not change your dose. Take Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets exactly
  as prescribed by your healthcare provider. Use the lowest dose possible for the shortest time
  needed.
- Take your prescribed dose every four to six hours as needed for pain.
- Do not take more than your prescribed dose. If you miss a dose, take your next dose at your usual time.
- Call your healthcare provider if the dose you are taking does not control your pain.
- If you have been taking Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets regularly, do
  not stop taking Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets without talking to your
  healthcare provider.
- Dispose of expired, unwanted, or unused Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets by promptly flushing down the toilet, if a drug take-back option is not readily available. Visit www.fda.gov/drugdisposal for additional information on disposal of unused medicines.

## While taking Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets DO NOT:

- Drive or operate heavy machinery, until you know how Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets affect you. Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets can make you sleepy, dizzy, or lightheaded.
- Drink alcohol or use prescription or over-the-counter medicines that contain alcohol. Using products containing alcohol during treatment with Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets may cause you to overdose and die.

### The possible side effects of Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets:

constipation, nausea, sleepiness, vomiting, tiredness, headache, dizziness, abdominal pain.
 Call your healthcare provider if you have any of these symptoms and they are severe.

## Get emergency medical help or call 911 right away if you have:

 trouble breathing, shortness of breath, fast heartbeat, chest pain, swelling of your face, tongue, or throat, extreme drowsiness, light-headedness when changing positions, feeling faint, agitation, high body temperature, trouble walking, stiff muscles, or mental changes such as confusion.

These are not all the possible side effects of Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to XLCare Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-866-495-1995 or to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088. For more information go to **dailymed.nlm.nih.gov** 

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