

THE BASICS OF OXYCODONE



HOW DOES IT WORK? HOW WILL IT HELP ME?



Blocks the pain signals
reducing the feeling of pain



Can reduce the sensation of
being short of breath



Improves your ability to participate in
daily activities without suffering from
as much pain.

WHEN WILL IT WORK? HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?



Starts working within 30-40 minutes.



Lasts up to 4 hours. Use for breakthrough.



Starts working within 60 minutes.



Lasts up to 8-12 hours. Use for maintenance.

COMMON SIDE EFFECTS?



CONSTIPATION

Will not go away on its own. Use
daily bowel regimen (e.g., senna
[Senokot] or polyethylene glycol
[Miralax] to prevent or treat.



DIZZINESS

Will likely go away with time.
Use caution prior to driving or
using machinery (i.e., lawn
mower, snow blower, etc.)

SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS? CALL THE HOSPICE NURSE



Tongue swelling or full body rash



Increasing sedation or drowsiness



Painful stomach cramping with no bowel movements