

SPINE SAFETY CAUTIONARY NOTICE:

Information for Healthcare Professionals: Drug Safety Labeling Changes - OxyContin (Oxycodone Hydrochloride Controlled-Release) Tablets

According to MedWatch, FDA notified healthcare professionals that the ADVERSE REACTIONS and MEDICATION GUIDE text for OxyContin (Oxycodone Hydrochloride Controlled-Release) Tablets has been updated. The following sentences have been added to the labeling:

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Postmarketing Experience

- The following events have also been reported, potentially due to the swelling and hydrogelling property of the tablet: choking, gagging, regurgitation, tablets stuck in the throat and difficulty swallowing the tablet.

MEDICATION GUIDE

How should I take OxyContin?

In order to reduce the possibility of choking on the tablets or having difficulty swallowing the tablets:

- OxyContin tablets should be taken one tablet at a time.
- Do not pre-soak, lick or otherwise wet the tablet prior to placing in your mouth.
- Take each tablet with enough water to ensure complete swallowing immediately after placing in your mouth.

Read the complete summary of MedWatch safety labeling changes at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/ucm235393.htm>

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