

## Oxycontin Alternatives

With all of the problems that can be associated with Oxycontin, today there are a lot of people who are looking for an Oxycontin alternative. These people no longer want to take Oxycontin, so here are some Oxycontin alternatives that these people can try:

- Bextra is a member of a rather new class of pain relievers. These are called "COX-2 inhibitors." They are usually prescribed for people who have arthritis (either rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis). Sometimes Bextra is also prescribed when a woman gets dysmenorrhea. This is a very painful type of menstruation that some women get.

- Celebrex is another Oxycontin alternative. It is usually prescribed for those people who suffer from arthritis. This medication has been designed to relieve the inflammation, pain and stiffness of arthritis without damaging a person's stomach in the same way in which a lot of other pain medications can.

- Foricet, also known by its generic name Acetaminophen is an Oxycontin alternative that works well both as a pain reliever and a fever reducer.

- Imitrex is oftentimes a great Oxycontin alternative for those people who get bad migraines. This medication works by narrowing the blood vessels (both the arteries and the veins) that are located around the brain. There have also been studies done that show that Imitrex reduces the release of substances that are found in the body. These are the substances that have been shown to create such migraine symptoms as pain, nausea, and the sensitivity to both light and sound.

- Mobic, also known by its generic name Meloxicam, is an Oxycontin alternative that is part of the class of drugs that are most commonly known as NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs). It works by reducing those hormones in the body that cause inflammation and pain.

- Naproxen is another kind of NSAID (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) that is oftentimes used as an Oxycontin alternative.

- Ultracet is a combination of Tramadol (an opioid analgesic that works as a narcotic pain reliever) and Acetaminophen (the active ingredient in Tylenol). Ultracet is an Oxycontin alternative that is used to relieve pain that is mild to moderate in nature.

- Vioxx is a relatively new pain reliever that is used as an Oxycontin alternative for treating acute pain that is usually associated with arthritis. This drug is from a class of NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) called "COX-2 inhibitors."

This is only a brief list of pain relievers that can be used as Oxycontin alternatives. There are other drugs available as well. These drugs are not as commonly abused as Oxycontin. Therefore, a patient may wish to speak to their doctor about these Oxycontin alternatives. It is also interesting to note that a pharmaceutical company, known as Pain Therapeutics Incorporated, is currently testing a form of Oxycontin that is said to be abuse-resistant. This Oxycontin alternative is known as Remoxy. So far the study's results have been positive. This means that Pain Therapeutics Incorporated can move forward with their clinical development of this Oxycontin alternative, Remoxy.

Now that you know what Oxycontin alternatives are available to you, the choice is really up to you and your doctor. The two of you need to work together to come up with the best treatment plan for your chronic pain.

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