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Healthcare and Nursing: Percocet

**Percocet**

Percocet contains a combination of oxycodone and acetaminophen. In this, oxycodone is an opioid pain medication that is called a narcotic sometimes by the people or medications. While the acetaminophen is a less potent pain reliever that upsurges the impacts of oxycodone.

*Percocet is mainly used for the purpose to relieve moderate to severe pain and associated problems.*

Because of the risks of abuse, addiction, and misuse, even at recommended doses, the Percocet is used and prescribed only at the time when the treatment with medications of non-opioid pain which has not been tolerated or has not ensured with the provision of sufficient and satisfactory relief from the pain.

It is very crucial and important that one should not use Percocet if he/she has recently utilized sedatives, alcohol, or any other kind of narcotic medications or drugs. Despite this, it is also essential to not bring Percocet in use if you have any of the inhibitors such as MAO Inhibitors in the last two weeks. The Inhibitors include but only Linezolid, rasagiline, and selegiline or have experienced any of the methylene blue injections (World Health Organization, N.P.). This is important to not use the Percocet in such cases because this medicine may lead to stop or slower the breathing level of you as well as it might lead to habit forming. At last, it also credible to know that one should not share Percocet with other individuals rather than the medication or healthcare professionals only.

**Street Names of Percocet**

According to (Destiny, N.P.), there is a number of street names which come to hear in our daily life. But some of the mainly and commonly used and know are listed below.

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| Ercs | Greenies |
| Kickers | M-30s |
| M-30s | Percs |
| Rims | Tires |
| Wheels | 512s |

**Harms in using Percocet and its Side Effects**

It is a fact the Percocet is used for revealing suffering from chronic pain which impacts the perception of brains regarding the pain. But it is also a fact that there are huge issues also called harms to come to see when using the dose called Percocet. Percocet could lead to bringing in a number of harms and troubles for the individuals when using it. Some of these harms or troubles can be;

1. Percocet is a strong pain drug so it can lead to creates harm where the most commons ones are it leads to abuse when ones using it.
2. In using Percocet as it is a pain revealing dose, so it might lead to misuse and over-use while using it.
3. Beyond above, in suing Percocet, one can become addicted to it as it reveals him or her from the pain he or she is suffering from.
4. At the time when people are using Percocet, Percocet sometimes creates several breathing problems which further leads to becoming a side effect of it (Percocet). (This happens when we someone starts it for the first time).
5. During using the Percocet, it may get to the reach of children as well as it can be used in accidents and that is considered as the worst harm it creates when using it (Baskin, et al, P.P. 176-177).

Proceeding further, there are several side effects of Percocet exist as well. But some of the critical and hugely noticeable ones which are categorized to Short Term and Long Term Side effects of Percocet (World Health Organization, N.P.). Hence, short term side effects of Percocet are but not only the following.

1. Slower breathing 2. Depression and negative changes in mood

3. More Sleepiness than normal 4. Mental or psychological confusion

5. Insomnia 6. Overdose

The long terms side effects include a profound effect on the human body system. In short, the major long term side effects of Percocet are;

1. Hypertension (high blood pressure) 2. Heart failure

3. Chronic heart arrhythmia 4. Heart diseases and heart damage

5. Lose of cognitive function of brain 6. Depression and higher anxiety

7. Memory loss 8. Addiction, and tolerance

9. Poor and depressed lung function

**Cost of Percocet**

The costs of Percocet cannot be stated as an exact figure because a number of additional things and considerations are involved. But generally, the cost of Percocet (10/325) oral tablet is round about 2,455 US dollars for the supply of 100 tablets while per-unit cost can be found amounting for around 24.5 US dollars which also depends on the pharmacy one visits (Baskin, et al, P.P. 176-177). This is dependent because the payments made (in cash) by customers or purchasers of Percocet are not fully valid with plans like insurance plan.

**How to use Percocet**

It is not recommended to anyone that he/she should use Percocet as per their own decision or based on the pain they suffer from. But the use of Percocet should always be done based on the prescriptions by the healthcare provider.

* Hence, you should ensure that guidance provided by the pharmacist or healthcare provider is read. Do not change the dose than the prescribed by the healthcare provider.
* Take the prescribed dose after every 6 hours by mouth as suggested by the healthcare provider and as required for the pain while ensuring that there I no more use of it than the prescribed.
* The dose can be taken with the food if you have nausea problem while asking the doctor to decrease the problem of nausea.
* Use a medication measuring device if the liquid forms of the medication are used.
* Keep the healthcare provider updated about the use of Percocet and the improvements and results it brings (World Health Organization, N.P.).
* In case you take Percocet regularly, ensure taking it by talking to the healthcare providers.

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