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WHAT IS HYDROCODONE?

- Vicodin (brand) is a prescription narcotic used to relieve moderate to severe pain. It is made up of the drugs acetaminophen and hydrocodone. Vicodin comes in pill form and is often abused or used recreationally.

A graphic representing the packaging for Vicodin tablets. It features the brand name 'vicodin' in a large, bold, red font with a registered trademark symbol. Below it, the text 'hydrocodone bitartrate and acetaminophen tablets, USP' is written in a smaller, bold, black font. Underneath, a list of ingredients and their amounts is provided: 'Each tablet contains: hydrocodone bitartrate 5 mg' and 'acetaminophen 500 mg'. At the bottom, a warning reads: 'Tamper-Evident: Do not accept if sealed blister unit has been broken or opened.' A large, semi-transparent watermark of the number '3' is overlaid on the right side of the graphic.

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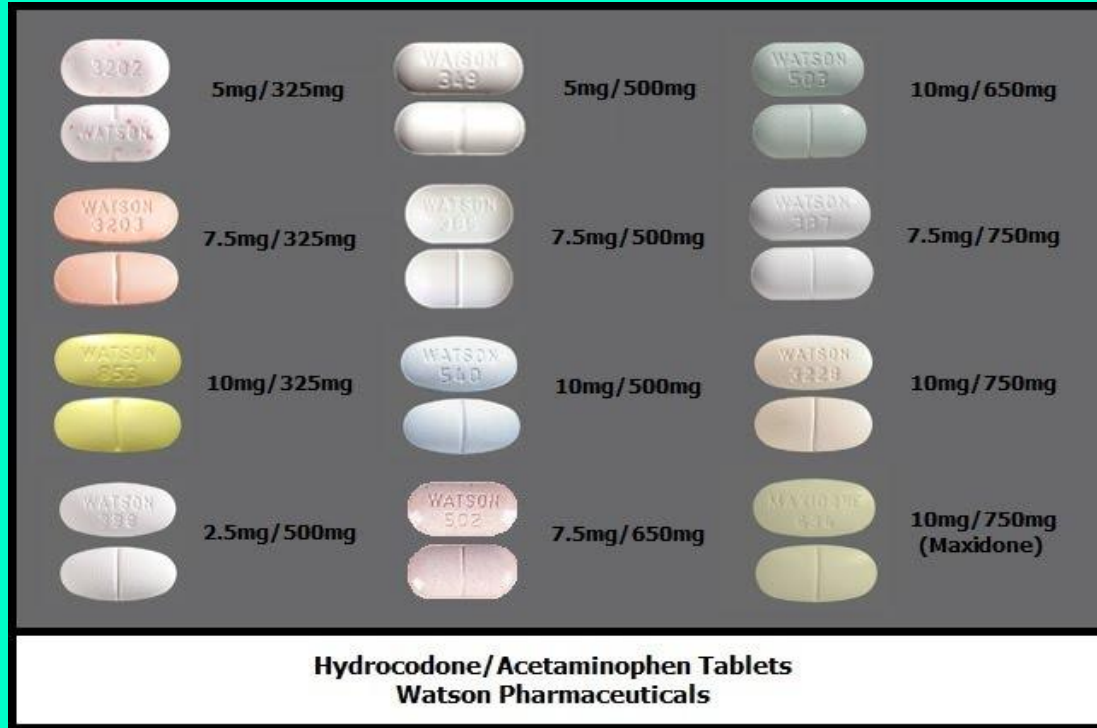
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hydrocodone bitartrate	5 mg
acetaminophen	500 mg

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WHAT DOES THE DRUG LOOK LIKE?

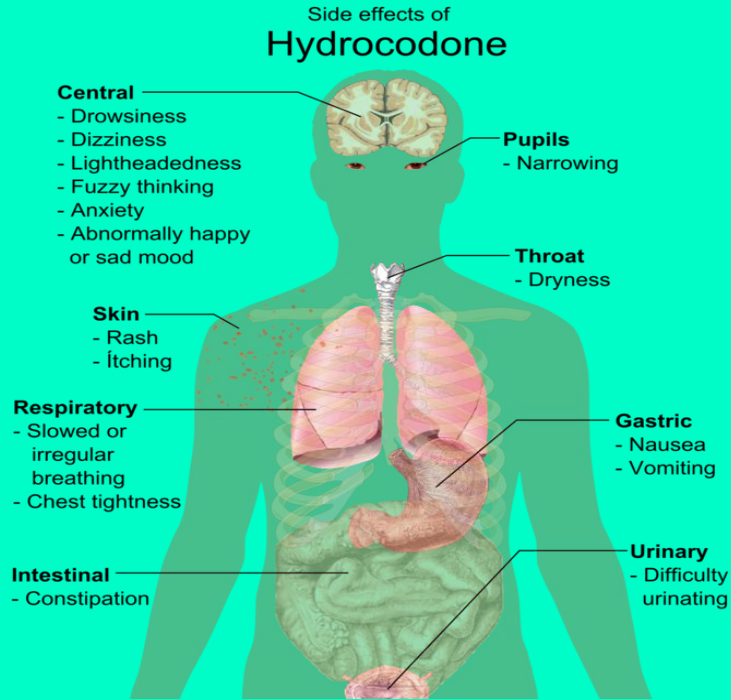


SHORT TERM EFFECTS

- Increased sense of well being
- Numbness
- Feeling sleepy or lethargic
- Reduced worry and stress
- Brings much desired relief (pleasurable high) that interacts with the brain's reward circuitry
- Hydrocodone works to make more dopamine and produces a positive feeling. This can cause the pattern of addiction



LONG TERM EFFECTS



- Include: Liver damage, acetaminophen toxicity, sensorineural hearing loss, social problems, etc.
- In order to get the same effect, you will need to take more of the drug.

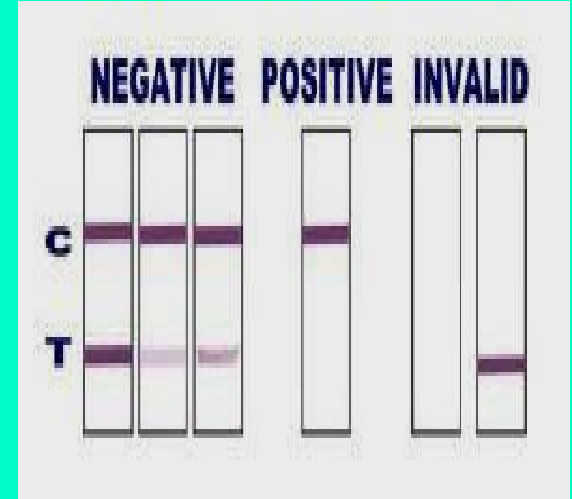
HOW IS THE DRUG ANALYZED AND IDENTIFIED?

Urine test: In the established testing scheme, two tiers of testing are recruited. The first tier's objective is to quickly display large numbers of specimens for opioids. The second tier of testing is generally executed using highly specific methods such as gas chromatography or liquid chromatography with mass spectrometry that serve to confirm the screening result.



Table 1. Standard Opiate Immunoassay Detection (300 ng/mL)

Opioid	Detection
Morphine	300 ng/mL
Hydrocodone	1700 ng/mL
Hydromorphone	1700 ng/mL
Oxycodone	23 000 ng/mL
Oxymorphone	41 000 ng/mL



PENALTIES FOR TESTING POSITIVE

Possessing hydrocodone without a valid prescription or beyond the scope of the prescription is a crime. Depending on the circumstances of your arrest, prosecutors may file additional charges and or give the consequences of jail time if you are found selling the drug.

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