**MEDICATION:** Oxycodone Sustained-Release
(OxyContin®, there are other brand names for this medicine)

**USES:** Treats mild to moderate pain when around-the-clock pain relief is needed for a long period of time

**ADMINISTRATION:** Oral

**Potential Side Effects:**
- Itching
- Clumsiness, unsteadiness
- Constipation
- Decrease or difficulty passing urine
- Dizziness, drowsiness
- Dry mouth
- Nausea, vomiting
- Anxiety, mood changes
- Confusion, lightheadedness or fainting spells
- Legs or arm “jerk” or have spasms
- **Trouble breathing**

(If you experience any of the side effects listed in **Bold** please contact your doctor immediately. The side effects listed above are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor to report any new medical problems!)
Warnings:

- Inform your doctor if you are:
  1. allergic to any food or medicine,
  2. taking any non-cancer related prescriptions or over the counter drugs
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any new medications including: prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins or herbal supplements.

Additional Instructions:

- Do not break, crush, or chew OxyContin® tablets; this will cause the release of a large amount of oxycodone to be absorbed into your body at once, which can be dangerous and result in an overdose and serious adverse reactions.
- This medicine may be taken with food or milk to lessen stomach upset.
- To avoid dizziness, get up slowly from a lying or sitting position.
- Talk to your doctor before you stop taking this medicine. You may need to take smaller and smaller amounts before stopping completely.
- To avoid constipation, take a laxative and/or a stool softener. Try to have a bowel movement every 2-3 days, if not then inform your doctor.
- Your mouth may feel dry. Drinking plenty of water, chewing gum, or sucking hard candy may help relieve dry mouth symptoms.