

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MEDICATION

You may be prescribed a narcotic pain reliever and/or an antibiotic.

Percocet is a narcotic pain reliever which contains acetaminophen (Tylenol) and Oxycodone.

Vicodin and Darvocet are narcotics and also contain Tylenol.

Watch the acetaminophen (Tylenol) content of other over-the-counter and prescriptions products while taking narcotics. Do not take more than a total of 4 gm (4000 mg) of acetaminophen (Tylenol) per day.

Take each dose with a full glass of water. Take with food or milk if it upsets your stomach.

Do not drive a car, operate machinery, or perform other hazardous activities. Narcotics may cause drowsiness or dizziness.

Avoid alcohol while taking narcotics. Alcohol may increase the drowsiness and dizziness caused by narcotics and could be dangerous. Also, acetaminophen (Tylenol) can be toxic to your liver when taken with as little as 2 drinks of alcohol.

Avoid sleeping pills, tranquilizers, sedatives, and antihistamines except under the supervision of your doctor. These medications also may cause dangerous sedation.

Narcotics may cause constipation. Drink plenty of water (6-8 full glasses a day) to lessen this side effect. Increasing the amount of fiber in your diet can also help to alleviate constipation. A tablespoon of Milk of Magnesium can be helpful if you are constipated.

Keflex and Cipro are antibiotics. To help prevent infection, please be sure to finish your antibiotics.

Signs of infection include:

- A temperature greater than 101
- Increased warmth, pain, and redness at the incision site
- Chills

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