

OxyContin No Longer Covered for Non-Medicare Members; Current Users Must Switch *Before April 1, 2018*

Xtampza ER (oxycodone ER) has replaced OxyContin as our preferred long-acting, abuse-deterrent oxycodone product. See below for additional information and how to switch patients from OxyContin to Xtampza ER. Other long-acting pain relief products are available, including fentanyl patch and morphine ER tablets.

Please discuss alternative treatment options with your patients currently prescribed OxyContin (oxycodone HCl ER) before April 1.

Xtampza ER

Xtampza ER is a new oxycodone formulation developed to help prevent abuse. It is FDA-approved with labeling that describes abuse-prevention properties in all three premarket categories of abuse deterrence. **Xtampza ER maintains extended-release properties when crushed or chewed.**

Like OxyContin, Xtampza ER is indicated for managing severe chronic pain that requires daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment. Xtampza ER should be taken every 12 hours with food and is available in strengths of 9 mg, 13.5 mg, 18 mg, 27 mg, and 36 mg. If needed, capsules can be opened and safely administered through a gastric or nasogastric tube or sprinkled on food.

Xtampza ER Dosages

Xtampza ER includes oxycodone as opposed to oxycodone hydrochloride found in OxyContin. As a result, dosages are slightly different than current oxycodone HCl products. For example, **a 10 mg dose of oxycodone HCl ER (or OxyContin) is equal to a 9 mg dose of Xtampza ER.** Conversion instructions are provided below. Please review Xtampza ER's full prescribing information found in the FDA-approved label and monitor patients during the transition. Prescribers may call the pharmacy for assistance for proper dosing conversion.

To convert a patient's OxyContin dose to Xtampza ER, start by calculating the total daily dose of OxyContin and multiply by 0.9. The resulting dose is the *total daily dose* of Xtampza ER that should be equally divided into two doses given every 12 hours. For example, a patient currently taking OxyContin 20 mg every 12 hours would transition to Xtampza ER 18 mg every 12 hours (OxyContin 40 mg/day x 0.9 = Xtampza ER 36 mg/day).

Oxycodone HCl ER (OxyContin) Tablet	Equivalence Factor	Xtampza ER Capsule
10 mg	x 0.9	9 mg
15 mg		13.5 mg
20 mg		18 mg
30 mg		27 mg
40 mg		36 mg

Note: Total daily doses of Xtampza ER exceeding 216 mg or 6 capsules/day will require completion of [Quantity Limit form](#).

Additional Information

Our members have been informed of this formulary change. If members have concerns or questions, please have them call the customer service number on the back of their member ID card.

Please refer to [Xtampza ER Prescribing Information](#) at fda.gov.

For information about Florida Blue pharmacy guidelines, please refer to the [Medical & Pharmacy Policies and Guidelines](#) on our website at floridablue.com.