

Think medicine safety when

Taking an Rx that contains acetaminophen

What to know

Acetaminophen is an active ingredient in **more than 500** prescription (Rx) and over-the-counter (OTC) medicines. When taken as directed, acetaminophen is safe and effective. But if you take too much—more than 4,000 mg in 24 hours—that **could harm your liver**.

What you can do

1. Check the ingredients in your medicines. 2. Take **ONLY 1** medicine that contains acetaminophen at a time. 3. Always read and follow the label warning, for example, “consult a physician if you have serious health conditions” or “Do not take with alcohol.”

Prescription (Rx)

Look for the word “Acetaminophen,” sometimes shortened to “APAP”

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TAKE ONE (1) TABLET BY MOUTH EVERY 6 HOURS AS NEEDED FOR PAIN.

**OXYCODONE/
ACETAMINOPHEN**
5mg/325mg

May cause drowsiness and dizziness. Do not drink alcoholic beverages when taking this medicine. Use care when operating a vehicle or machinery.

Contains acetaminophen. Do not take more than recommended. Too much may cause liver damage.

Do not take other medicines that have acetaminophen (prescription or nonprescription).

Discuss any questions with your doctor.

Over-the-counter (OTC)

Look for the word “Acetaminophen” where it says “Active ingredient”

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taking the blood thinning drug warfarin. **Stop use and ask a doctor** if pain gets worse or lasts more than 10 days, fever gets worse or lasts more than 3 days, new symptoms occur, redness or swelling is present. These could be signs of a serious condition. **If pregnant or breast-feeding**, ask a health professional before use. **Keep out of reach of children.** **Overdose warning:** Taking more than the recommended dose (overdose) may cause liver damage. In case of overdose, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center.

Prescription (Rx) common examples

- Fioricet® (Butalbital/Acetaminophen/Caffeine)
- Percocet®, Endocet®, Roxicet (Oxycodone/Acetaminophen)
- Tylenol® with Codeine (Acetaminophen/Codeine)
- Ultracet® (Tramadol/Acetaminophen)
- Vicodin®, Norco®, Lortab® (Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen)

Over-the-counter (OTC) common examples

- Tylenol®
- NyQuil®/DayQuil®
- Excedrin®
- Alka-Seltzer Plus®
- Mucinex®
- Robitussin®
- Goody's®
- Comtrex®
- Sudafed®
- Theraflu®

This is not a complete list of prescription and OTC brands with products that contain acetaminophen. Instructions and warnings may differ by product. Always read and follow your medicine labels. If you are unsure, ask your healthcare professional.



Write down all of the **Rx** and **OTC medicines**, **vitamins**, and **herbal supplements** you take. Bring the list and your bottles to your next visit.



If you have **any questions** about choosing or using OTC or prescription pain relievers, **talk with your healthcare professional**.

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