

Pain Medication

	<u>Analgesic</u> e.g. Tylenol®	<u>Opioids</u> e.g. Percocet®
How does the medicine work?	Reduces pain	Reduces pain
How to take the medicine?	May be taken regularly or as needed. Do not take more than 4 grams a day.	Available in different forms (oral, injection, topical). Dose will vary depending on whether you used opioids before.
When will it start working?	Patients usually feel better within hours. The full beneficial effects may be felt within days to weeks after starting the medication.	Patients usually feel better within hours. The full beneficial effects may be felt within days to weeks after starting the medication.
What are the side effects?	Taking too much may cause liver toxicity.	Trouble breathing, drowsiness, dizziness, constipation. These medications can be linked with dependency.