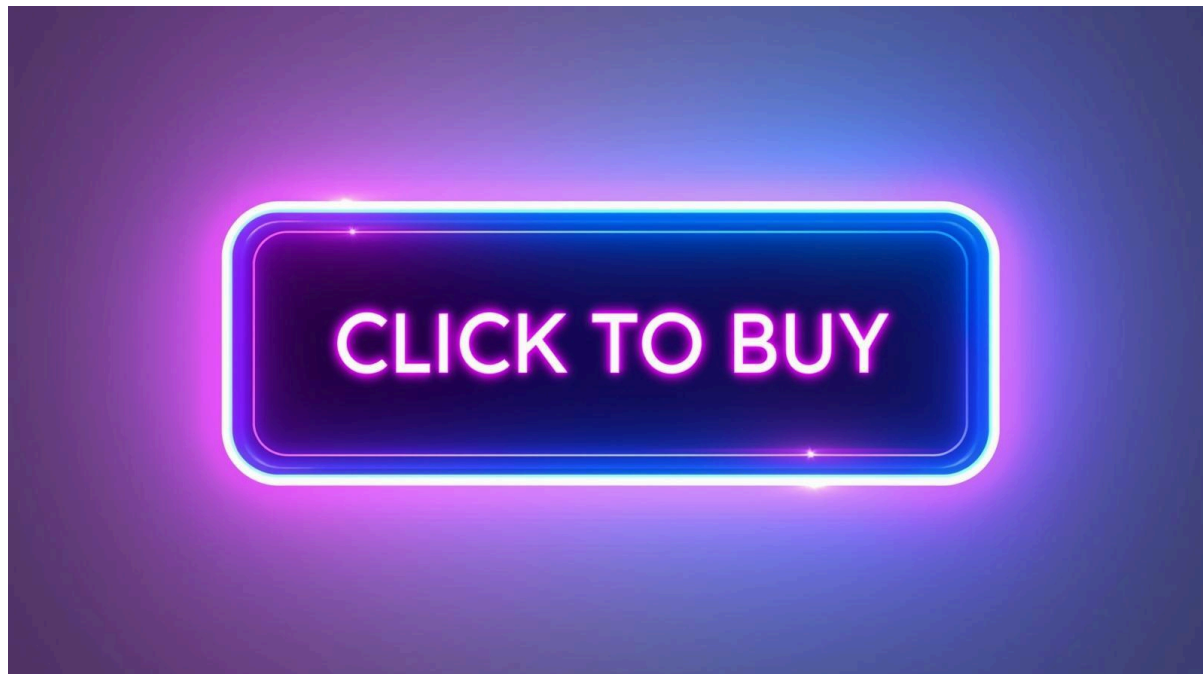


“Severe Pain Can Destroy Peace – Hydromorphone Helps You Heal Again”



What Is Hydromorphone?

Hydromorphone is a potent opioid medication that includes *Morphine* as an active ingredient. This medication has an analgesic property that is two to eight times greater than that of Morphine.

It is commonly used to treat and manage severe acute and severe chronic pain that requires opioid analgesics and when other opioid treatments are insufficient to treat pain.

It is indicated for short-term treatment of pain, as its prolonged use can cause physical dependence and addiction to it.

Hydromorphone is the most powerful Opioid medicine, and because of that, it contains a higher risk of abuse, misuse, and addiction.

A hydromorphone is a circular and triangular-shaped white tablet with an M imprinted on one side along with its strength on another.

Why Hydromorphone Is Used

- Moderate pain – Hydromorphone helps treat severe pain that causes a level of discomfort and distracts and interferes with daily activities.

- Severe acute pain – It also treats sudden, intense pain that can be disabling and makes it hard for a person to do anything.
- Severe chronic pain – Hydromorphone is also used to treat severe chronic pain that lasts for a longer time, causing high-intensity pain that interferes with a person's daily life and disturbs social, work life, and overall quality of life.

Hydromorphone extended-release capsules or extended-release tablets are prescribed for *opioid-tolerant* patients only.

How It Works

This medication works by changing the way how your brain and nerves respond to pain. Hydromorphone directly works on the Opioid receptors of the brain.

It helps in reducing the feeling of pain by interrupting the way the nerves signal the pain between the brain and the body.

Being a potent Opioid medication that is 5 – 10 times stronger than Morphine, Hydromorphone crosses the blood-brain barrier faster, resulting in quicker onset and peak of analgesic activity, causing sedation and relaxation.

What Should I Tell My Healthcare Provider Before Using Hydromorphone?

Anyone suffering from moderate to severe or acute pain can use Hydromorphone on prescription, but people with certain conditions are not recommended to use it.

Tell your doctor before using Hydromorphone if you have –

- Patients with gastrointestinal obstruction
- Have a history of kidney or liver disease
- Older adults over 65 years of age
- Suffering from mental health issues
- Already using any opioid medication
- Severe lung disease or breathing problems
- Women who are pregnant, trying for pregnancy, or breastfeeding mothers