

Commonly Prescribed For...

Non-Productive Cough

Mechanism Of Action - Opioid & Non-Opioid

Opioid: Act on the CNS (medulla) in the cough center to suppress cough. This drug also dries the mucosa of the respiratory tract which reduces symptoms of runny nose and postnasal drip. Opioids also provide analgesic effects.

Non-Opioid: Acts the same way as an opioid sans CNS depression and analgesic effects.

Generic & Trade Names

Drug	Trade	Route
Opioid		
Codeine		solutions, tablets, capsules, suspensions
Hydrocodone bitartrate		
Non-Opioid		
Dextromet-horphan		lozenges, solutions, capsules, granules, caplets, chewables, tablets, syrup
Antihistamine		
Diphenhydramine		
Interactions		
		Increase
CNS Depressants		The effects of opioid antitussives

Opioid

Non-Opioid

Antihistamine

Interactions

Side Effects

Opioids:	Sedation	Vomiting	Nausea
Constipation	Lightheadedness		
Non-Opioids:	Dizziness	Nausea	Sedation
Drowsiness	Dry Mouth		

Precautions & Contraindications

Respiratory Depression	Opioid Dependency	Drug Allergy
Addison's Disease	Alcohol	BPH
Increased ICP	CNS Depressants	Anoxia
Hi serum CO2 levels	Hypercapnia	COPD
Advanced Heart Disease*	Hyperthyroidism*	Hypertension*
Glaucoma*	MAOI*	

*Non-Opioids such as dextromethorphan.

Assessments

Nursing Diagnosis

Implementation

Patient Education

Evaluation/Desired Outcomes

Additional Notes

References