

Important News Regarding Long Acting Opioids

As you may know, there is an announcement on the EMBEDA[®] (morphine sulfate and naltrexone hydrochloride) website that all dosage forms of EMBEDA[®] have been recalled to the pharmacy level. According to the website, the recall issue is unlikely to pose a safety risk to patients; however, EMBEDA[®] will be unavailable for some time. To help meet the needs of patients currently taking EMBEDA[®], physicians will begin prescribing alternative long acting pain medications, including KADIAN[®] (Morphine Sulfate Extended-Release). You may see an increased level of prescriptions for long acting opioids like KADIAN[®], and should be sure to have your pharmacy stocked accordingly to meet this increased demand. For your reference, the NDC numbers for each of the eight formulations for KADIAN[®] are listed below, along with the phone number and e-mail for KADIAN[®] - Cardinal SPS Customer Service:

KADIAN[®] MORPHINE SULFATE EXTENDED RELEASE CAPSULES

Product	NDC#	Strength/Form	Package Size
KADIAN [®]	46987-0410-11	10 MG	CAPS 100
KADIAN [®]	63857-0322-11	20 MG	CAPS 100
KADIAN [®]	46987-0325-11	30 MG	CAPS 100
KADIAN [®]	46987-0323-11	50 MG	CAPS 100
KADIAN [®]	46987-0326-11	60 MG	CAPS 100
KADIAN [®]	46987-0412-11	80 MG	CAPS 100
KADIAN [®]	46987-0324-11	100 MG	CAPS 100
KADIAN [®]	46987-0377-11	200 MG	CAPS 100

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As a reminder, your customers' KADIAN[®] Co-Pay Assistance Cards allow them to save up to \$50 toward each of their KADIAN[®] prescriptions. This important cost-savings program continues through 2011, even if co-pay cards state that they expire in December, 2010. Cards may be used despite the expiration date – please process them as you would if the card had no expiration date. The card with the expiration date and the new “no expiration” date card are pictured below – both are valid through 2011.



For any questions please call the Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-800-422-5604.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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WARNING:

KADIAN[®] contains morphine sulfate, an opioid agonist and a Schedule II controlled substance, with an abuse liability similar to other opioid analgesics. KADIAN[®] can be abused in a manner similar to other opioid agonists, legal or illicit. This should be considered when prescribing or dispensing KADIAN[®] in situations where the physician or pharmacist is concerned about an increased risk of misuse, abuse or diversion.

KADIAN[®] capsules are an extended-release oral formulation of morphine sulfate indicated for the management of moderate to severe pain when a continuous, around-the-clock opioid analgesic is needed for an extended period of time.

KADIAN[®] Capsules are NOT for use as a prn analgesic.

KADIAN[®] 100 mg and 200 mg Capsules ARE FOR USE IN OPIOID-TOLERANT PATIENTS ONLY. Ingestion of these capsules or of the pellets within the capsules may cause fatal respiratory depression when administered to patients not already tolerant to high doses of opioids.

KADIAN[®] CAPSULES ARE TO BE SWALLOWED WHOLE OR THE CONTENTS OF THE CAPSULES SPRINKLED ON APPLE SAUCE. THE PELLETS IN THE CAPSULES ARE NOT TO BE CHEWED, CRUSHED, OR DISSOLVED DUE TO THE RISK OF RAPID RELEASE AND ABSORPTION OF A POTENTIALLY FATAL DOSE OF MORPHINE.

KADIAN[®] is contraindicated in patients with a known hypersensitivity to morphine, morphine salts or any of the capsule components, or in any situation where opioids are contraindicated. This includes in patients with respiratory depression (in the absence of resuscitative equipment or in unmonitored settings), and in patients with acute or severe bronchial asthma or hypercarbia.

KADIAN[®] is contraindicated in any patient who has or is suspected of having paralytic ileus.

The most serious adverse events associated with KADIAN[®] and other opioid analgesics are respiratory depression, respiratory arrest, apnea, circulatory depression, cardiac arrest, hypotension, and/or shock.

The most frequent adverse events are drowsiness, dizziness, constipation, and nausea.

Please go to www.kadian.com for Full Prescribing Information and other Important Safety Information.

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