Codeine; Guaifenesin
oral solution or syrup
MEDICATION GUIDE

What is this medicine?
CODEINE; GUAIIFENESIN (KOEden; gwye FEN e sin) is a
cough suppressant and expectorant. It helps to stop or reduce
coughing due to the common cold or inhaled irritants. It will not
treat an infection.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health
care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

How should I use this medicine?
Take this medicine by mouth with a full glass of water. Follow
the directions on the prescription label. Use a specially marked
spoon or container to measure your medicine. Ask your
pharmacist if you do not have one. Household spoons are not
accurate. Take this medicine with food or milk if it upsets your
stomach. Take your doses at regular times. Do not take more
medicine than directed.

Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in
children. Special care may be needed.

Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this
medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at
once.

NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine
with others.

What if I miss a dose?
If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost
time for your next dose, take only that dose. Do not take double
or extra doses.

What should I tell my health care
provider before I take this medicine?
They need to know if you have any of these conditions:
• Addison’s disease
• Convulsions
• Drug or alcohol abuse or addiction
• Enlarged prostate
• Fever
• Intestinal or stomach problems
• Kidney disease
• Liver disease
• Lung disease like asthma or emphysema
• Recent surgery or injury
• Thyroid disease
• An allergic or unusual reaction to codeine, hydromorphone,
hydrocodone, oxycodone, morphine, guaifenesin, other
medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
• Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
• Breast-feeding

What may interact with this
medicine?
• Alcohol
• Antihistamines for allergy, cough and cold
• Certain medicines for depression, anxiety, or psychotic
disturbances
• Certain medicines for sleep
• MAOIs like Carbex, Eldepryl, Marplan, Nardil, and Parnate
• Muscle relaxants
• Narcotic medicines [opiates] for pain
• Tramadol

This list may not describe all possible interactions. Give your
health care provider a list of all the medicines, herbs, non-
prescription drugs, or dietary supplements you use. Also tell
them if you smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs. Some
items may interact with your medicine.

What side effects may I notice
from receiving this medicine?
Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care
professional as soon as possible:
- Allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue
- Breathing problems
- Confusion
- Hallucinations
- Irregular heartbeat
- Seizures
- Trouble passing urine

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome):
- Blurred vision
- Constipation
- Flushing or sweating
- Headache
- Stomach upset, nausea

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I watch for while using this medicine?

You may develop tolerance to this medicine if you take it for a long time. Tolerance means that you will get less cough relief with time. Tell your doctor or health care professional if your symptoms do not improve or if they get worse. If you have a high fever, skin rash, or headache, see your health care professional.

Do not suddenly stop taking your medicine because you may develop a severe reaction. Your body becomes used to the medicine. This does NOT mean you are addicted. Addiction is a behavior related to getting and using a drug for a non-medical reason. If your doctor wants you to stop the medicine, the dose will be slowly lowered over time to avoid any side effects.

Drink several glasses of water each day.

You may get drowsy or dizzy. Do not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs mental alertness until you know how this medicine affects you. Do not stand or sit up quickly, especially if you are an older patient. This reduces the risk of dizzy or fainting spells. Alcohol may interfere with the effect of this medicine. Avoid alcoholic drinks.

The medicine may cause constipation. Try to have a bowel movement at least every 2 to 3 days. If you do not have a bowel movement for 3 days, call your doctor or health care professional.

Where should I keep my medicine?

Keep out of the reach of children. This medicine can be abused. Keep your medicine in a safe place to protect it from theft. Do not share this medicine with anyone. Selling or giving away this medicine is dangerous and against the law.

Store at room temperature between 15 and 30 degrees C (59 and 86 degrees F). Protect from light.

Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date. Discard unused medicine and used packaging carefully. Pets and children can be harmed if they find used or lost packages.

NOTE: This sheet is a summary. It may not cover all possible information. If you have questions about this medicine, talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider.