

SUBOXONE® (buprenorphine and naloxone) sublingual film (CIII)
IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Prescription use of this product is limited under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: SUBOXONE Film is contraindicated in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to buprenorphine or naloxone as serious adverse reactions, including anaphylactic shock, have been reported.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Addiction, Abuse, and Misuse: SUBOXONE Film contains buprenorphine, a Schedule III controlled substance that can be abused in a manner similar to other opioids and is subject to criminal diversion. Monitor patients for conditions indicative of diversion or progression of opioid dependence and addictive behaviors.

Risk of Respiratory Depression and Concomitant Use of Benzodiazepines or Other CNS Depressants with Buprenorphine: Buprenorphine has been associated with life-threatening respiratory depression, overdose, and death, particularly when misused by self-injection or with concomitant use of benzodiazepines or other CNS depressants, including alcohol. Warn patients of the potential danger of self-administration of benzodiazepines, other CNS depressants, opioid analgesics, and alcohol while under treatment with SUBOXONE Film. Counsel patients that such medications should not be used concomitantly unless supervised by a healthcare provider.

Use with caution in patients with compromised respiratory function (e.g., chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cor pulmonale, decreased respiratory reserve, hypoxia, hypercapnia, or pre-existing respiratory depression).

Unintentional Pediatric Exposure: Buprenorphine can cause severe, possibly fatal, respiratory depression in children who are accidentally exposed to it. Instruct patients to store SUBOXONE Film safely out of the sight and reach of children.

Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome: Neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome (NOWS) is an expected and treatable outcome of prolonged use of opioids during pregnancy. NOWS may be life-threatening if not recognized and treated in the neonate. Newborns should be observed for signs of NOWS and managed accordingly. Advise pregnant women receiving opioid addiction treatment with SUBOXONE Film of the risk of neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome.

Adrenal Insufficiency: Adrenal insufficiency has been reported with opioid use. If adrenal insufficiency is diagnosed, treat with physiologic replacement doses of corticosteroids. Wean the patient off the opioid.

Discontinuation of SUBOXONE Film Treatment: If treatment is temporarily interrupted or discontinued, monitor patients for several months for withdrawal and treat appropriately.

Risk of Hepatitis, Hepatic Events: Because cases of cytolytic hepatitis and hepatitis with jaundice have been observed in individuals receiving buprenorphine, monitor liver function tests prior to treatment and periodically during treatment.

Hypersensitivity Reactions: Hypersensitivity to buprenorphine- and naloxone-containing products have been reported most commonly as rashes, hives, and pruritus. Some cases of bronchospasm, angioneurotic edema, and anaphylactic shock have also been reported.

Precipitation of Opioid Signs and Symptoms: An opioid withdrawal syndrome is likely to occur with parenteral misuse of SUBOXONE Film by individuals physically dependent on full opioid agonists such as heroin, morphine, or methadone. SUBOXONE Film may precipitate opioid withdrawal signs and symptoms in such persons before the effects of the full opioid agonist have subsided.

Risk of Overdose in Opioid Naïve Patients: Because death has been reported for opioid naïve individuals who received buprenorphine sublingual tablet for analgesia, SUBOXONE Film is not appropriate as an analgesic.

Use in Patients With Impaired Hepatic Function: SUBOXONE Film is not recommended in patients with severe hepatic impairment and may not be appropriate for patients with moderate hepatic impairment. In patients with moderate hepatic impairment, SUBOXONE Film is not recommended for initiation of treatment, but may be used with caution and careful monitoring for maintenance treatment in patients who have initiated treatment on a buprenorphine product without naloxone.

Impairment of Ability to Drive or Operate Machinery: SUBOXONE Film may impair the mental or physical abilities required for the performance of potentially dangerous tasks such as driving a car or operating machinery. Caution patients about driving or operating hazardous machinery until they are reasonably certain that SUBOXONE Film does not adversely affect their ability to engage in such activities.

Orthostatic Hypotension: Buprenorphine may produce orthostatic hypotension.

Elevation of Cerebrospinal Fluid Pressure: Buprenorphine may elevate cerebrospinal fluid pressure and should be used with caution in patients with head injury, intracranial lesions, and other circumstances when cerebrospinal pressure may be increased. Buprenorphine can produce miosis and changes in the level of consciousness that may interfere with patient evaluation.

Elevation of Intrahepatic Pressure: Buprenorphine has been shown to increase intrahepatic pressure, as do other opioids, and thus should be administered with caution to patients with dysfunction of the biliary tract.

Effects in Acute Abdominal Conditions: Buprenorphine may obscure the diagnosis or clinical course of patients with acute abdominal conditions.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: Adverse events commonly observed with SUBOXONE Film include oral hypoesthesia, glossodynia, oral mucosal erythema, headache, nausea, vomiting, hyperhidrosis, constipation, signs and symptoms of withdrawal, insomnia, pain, and peripheral edema. This is not a complete list of potential adverse events. Please see the full Prescribing Information for a complete list.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

Benzodiazepines: Use caution in prescribing SUBOXONE Film for patients receiving benzodiazepines or other CNS depressants and warn patients against concomitant self-administration/misuse.

CYP3A4 Inhibitors and Inducers: Monitor patients starting or ending CYP3A4 inhibitors or inducers for potential over- or under- dosing.

Antiretrovirals: In patients on chronic SUBOXONE Film treatment, monitor dose if non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors are added to their treatment regimen. Monitor patients taking SUBOXONE Film and atazanavir with and without ritonavir, and reduce dose of SUBOXONE Film if warranted.

Serotonergic Drugs: If concomitant use with serotonergic drugs is warranted, monitor for serotonin syndrome, particularly during treatment initiation and dose adjustment. Discontinue SUBOXONE Film if serotonin syndrome is suspected. Consult the full Prescribing Information for SUBOXONE Film for more information on potentially significant drug interactions.

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

Pregnancy: Opioid-dependent women on buprenorphine maintenance therapy may require additional analgesia during labor.

Lactation: Buprenorphine passes into the mother's milk. Advise breastfeeding women to monitor the infant for increased drowsiness and breathing difficulties.

Fertility: Chronic use of opioids may cause reduced fertility. It is not known whether these effects on fertility are reversible.

Geriatric Patients: Monitor geriatric patients receiving SUBOXONE Film for sedation or respiratory depression.

To report pregnancy or side effects associated with taking SUBOXONE Film, please call 1-877-782-6966.

For more information about SUBOXONE Film, see the full [Prescribing Information](#) and [Medication Guide](#). For REMS information visit www.suboxoneREMS.com.