YOUR DOCTOR HAS PRESCRIBED

XYREM® (sodium oxybate) oral solution

- Frequently asked questions about the safe use and handling of XYREM
Dear Patient,

Welcome to the XYREM® REMS Program. You are receiving these materials because your healthcare provider has prescribed XYREM® (sodium oxybate) oral solution for you. XYREM is a medicine used to treat excessive daytime sleepiness and/or cataplexy in patients with narcolepsy.

Because of the serious risks associated with XYREM, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has required a special program called a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for XYREM. The purpose of the XYREM REMS Program is to make sure the benefits of XYREM outweigh the risks. All patients must be enrolled in the XYREM REMS Program to receive XYREM. This Quick Start Guide and the XYREM Medication Guide contain information you need to know about XYREM and will help you to use XYREM correctly. Read this Quick Start Guide and the XYREM Medication Guide before you start taking XYREM.
After your healthcare provider sends in your enrollment form and first prescription for XYREM, you will receive a call from the Certified Pharmacy of the XYREM REMS Program to tell you how the XYREM REMS Program helps you get started with taking XYREM and to answer any questions you may have about XYREM.

You will also speak with appropriate staff at the Certified Pharmacy, who will go over your insurance information with you. Before you can receive your first shipment of XYREM, a pharmacist at the Certified Pharmacy must confirm whether you have read and understood this Quick Start Guide, ask you about your medical history and other medications you may be taking, and give you advice on how to prepare and take your XYREM and how to store it safely. **You must take this call before you can get your XYREM.**

Please call your healthcare provider if you have questions about XYREM, or you can contact the XYREM REMS Program toll free at 1-866-XYREM88® (1-866-997-3688). You can reach a pharmacist at this number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with any questions.

We hope you find this information and the XYREM REMS Program services helpful.

Sincerely,

Jazz Pharmaceuticals
WARNING: XYREM can cause serious side effects.

Do not drink alcohol or take other medicines that make you sleepy.

XYREM is a prescription medicine used to treat patients with narcolepsy to reduce too much daytime sleepiness and to reduce cataplexy (suddenly weak or paralyzed muscles).

**Important information about XYREM includes the following:**

- When taking XYREM, do not drink alcohol or take other medicines that slow your breathing or mental activity or make you sleepy. You could have serious side effects.

- XYREM can cause serious side effects, including trouble breathing while asleep, confusion, unusual or disturbing thoughts, depression, and passing out, even at recommended doses. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any of these problems while taking XYREM.

- Abuse of XYREM can lead to dependence (a physical need to take the drug), craving for the medicine, and severe withdrawal symptoms (symptoms that start when the drug is stopped, especially when it is stopped suddenly).

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Patients usually fall asleep in about 5 to 15 minutes, although some patients have reported falling asleep more quickly (without first feeling drowsy) and others take more time. The time that it takes to fall asleep might be different from night to night. You should take each dose of XYREM while in bed. Take the first dose at bedtime and the second 2½ to 4 hours later. You may need to set an alarm to awaken for the second dose.

Do not drive a car, use heavy machinery, fly an airplane, or do anything that is dangerous or that requires you to be alert for the first 6 hours after taking XYREM. When you first start taking XYREM, be careful until you know how XYREM affects you.

Keep XYREM out of the reach of children and pets. Get emergency medical help right away if a child drinks your XYREM.

Report all side effects to your healthcare provider.

Any questions? Please call the XYREM® REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

Please see the Medication Guide for more detailed information about XYREM.
What will you find in this booklet?

This booklet answers important questions about how to get your XYREM, how to use XYREM properly, and how to store it safely. It also gives you important information about XYREM.

What is the XYREM® REMS Program?

Because of the serious risks associated with XYREM, the FDA has required a special program called REMS for XYREM. Enrollment in the XYREM REMS Program by prescribers and patients is required by the FDA to ensure the benefits of XYREM outweigh the risks associated with XYREM. You are enrolled in the program when your healthcare provider sends in the enrollment form you signed in his or her office. At that time, your healthcare provider also sent your prescription for XYREM to the certified pharmacy.

The Certified Pharmacy staff will review important information about XYREM with you. They will also answer any questions you may have about XYREM.
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Any questions? Please call the XYREM® REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

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ENROLLING IN THE XYREM® REMS PROGRAM

What am I required to do in this program?

As a patient, your responsibility is to discuss the safe use of XYREM with your healthcare provider and to read this XYREM REMS Program Patient Quick Start Guide before receiving your first XYREM prescription. Be sure to let your healthcare provider know if you are taking other medications or if you have any conditions that might affect your breathing.

You must also read the XYREM Medication Guide that you will receive with each prescription from the Certified Pharmacy.

Do I have to enroll in this program?

You will be required to sign an enrollment form at your healthcare provider’s office in order to receive XYREM. You must verify that you have been counseled by your healthcare provider on the serious risks and safe use of XYREM and that you were able to ask your healthcare provider any questions you have about XYREM.

FILLING YOUR XYREM PRESCRIPTION

How is my prescription filled?

All XYREM prescriptions are filled only by the XYREM REMS Program Certified Pharmacy.
What does the Certified Pharmacy do?

Your healthcare provider sends your XYREM prescription directly to the Certified Pharmacy.

After your healthcare provider sends in your first prescription of XYREM, you will receive a call from the Certified Pharmacy to tell you how the XYREM REMS Program helps you get started with taking XYREM and to answer any questions you may have about XYREM. A staff member from the Certified Pharmacy will call you to complete a Patient Counseling Checklist. The Patient Counseling Checklist will include information about other medications that you are taking and other medical conditions which might increase your risk of serious side effects. The Certified Pharmacy will go over the information about how to use XYREM safely and provide a copy of the Medication Guide with each XYREM shipment.

The Certified Pharmacy will always ask you where and when you would like your XYREM delivered and who will sign for the shipment. XYREM will be shipped by an overnight service. When the courier arrives, you or an adult you name must sign for your XYREM.

Any questions? Please call the XYREM® REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

Please see the Medication Guide for more detailed information about XYREM.
FILLING YOUR XYREM PRESCRIPTION (CONT’D)

What will I get with my XYREM prescription?

With each prescription, you will get 1 or more bottles of XYREM (each bottle, whether full or partial, has the concentrated medicine), a XYREM-specific dosing syringe for drawing up your XYREM dose, 2 empty pharmacy containers with child-resistant caps, and a printed Medication Guide.

How do I get my XYREM refills?

The Certified Pharmacy will contact you when it is close to your refill time. You may opt-in to receive text, e-mail, or automated voice reminders. You may also call the Certified Pharmacy at 1-866-997-3688 to schedule your refills.

Can my local pharmacy provide XYREM?

No. You can get your XYREM only from the XYREM REMS Program central Certified Pharmacy. You may be able to have your XYREM shipped to your place of work or to a local overnight carrier hub for pickup. Saturday deliveries may also be an option for you. The Certified Pharmacy will work with you on the best options available.
INSURANCE COVERAGE

Will insurance pay for my XYREM?

In most cases, YES. A staff member from the Certified Pharmacy will call and work with your insurance company to help you get coverage for XYREM. In the unlikely event your insurance does not cover XYREM or you can’t afford the out-of-pocket costs, ask the Certified Pharmacy about available financial assistance programs.

What is the pharmacy’s role with my insurance?

An experienced staff member will:

- Call you to go over your prescription benefits and coverage
- Tell you what your co-pay is, if applicable
- Tell you about any XYREM prescription savings plans for which you may qualify
- Work with your healthcare provider on prior authorizations, if required by your insurance company
- Provide information about any financial help that may be available to you

The Certified Pharmacy’s attempt to get coverage from a third-party payer does not guarantee that you will get coverage.
HOW DO I TAKE MY XYREM?

Take XYREM only as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.

How do I prepare my doses?

Before going to bed, draw up each of your XYREM doses with the syringe that comes in your shipment. Add each XYREM dose into 1 of the 2 empty pharmacy containers by pushing down on the plunger. Be sure each pharmacy container is empty before adding XYREM into it.

Any questions? Please call the XYREM® REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

Please see the Medication Guide for more detailed information about XYREM.
HOW DO I TAKE MY XYREM? (cont’d)

How do I prepare my doses? (cont’d)

Add about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of water to each dose of XYREM. Then place the child-resistant caps onto the pharmacy containers and turn each cap clockwise (to the right) until it clicks and locks in its child-resistant position.

Then put the 2 prepared doses in a safe place by your bed, out of the reach of children and pets.

Place the cap back on the XYREM bottle and store it in a safe and secure place (locked up if needed), out of the reach of children and pets.

XYREM should always be stored in the bottle provided. Rinse out the syringe and pharmacy containers with water after each use.
How do I take my doses?

Food will lower the amount of XYREM that passes into your body. You should allow at least 2 hours after a meal before taking your first dose of XYREM.

XYREM is a medicine that can make you sleepy quickly; therefore, take your doses while you are in bed. Take the first dose at bedtime and the second dose 2½ to 4 hours later. As with any medicine that causes sleepiness, if you continue evening activities after taking your dose, such as watching television or walking around, you may experience light-headedness, dizziness, nausea, confusion, or other unpleasant feelings.

Any questions? Please call the XYREM® REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

Please see the Medication Guide for more detailed information about XYREM.
What should I do if I miss a XYREM dose?

- It is very important to take both doses of XYREM each night, as prescribed. If you miss the second dose, skip that dose
  - Do not take XYREM again until the next night
  - Never take both XYREM doses at once
- Any unused XYREM doses that you prepared but didn’t take must be thrown away within 24 hours from the time you first prepared your doses

How soon will I see a change in my symptoms?

After starting XYREM, it may take a few weeks or longer to see your symptoms improve. It may also take time to find the right dose that works for you. It is important that you talk with your healthcare provider often when you first start taking XYREM.

Tell your healthcare provider if you don’t feel any improvements while taking XYREM. XYREM may not be right for you.
What are the side effects of XYREM?

XYREM can cause serious side effects, including breathing problems (slower breathing, trouble breathing, and short periods of no breathing while asleep), mental health problems (confusion, seeing or hearing things that are not real, unusual or disturbing thoughts, feeling anxious or upset, depression, thoughts of suicide), and sleepwalking. If you have any of these side effects, call your healthcare provider right away.

The most common side effects with XYREM are nausea, dizziness, throwing up, bedwetting, and diarrhea. Side effects may increase with higher doses.

These are not the only possible side effects with XYREM. If you are worried about any possible side effects with XYREM, talk with your healthcare provider or the pharmacist at the XYREM REMS Program.

You should report all side effects by contacting your healthcare provider, Jazz Pharmaceuticals at 1-800-520-5568, or the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

Any questions? Please call the XYREM® REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

Please see the Medication Guide for more detailed information about XYREM.
Are there any precautions I should take while on XYREM?

- While taking XYREM, do not drink alcohol or take medicines that cause sleepiness.

- Do not drive a car, use heavy machinery, or do anything that is dangerous or requires you to be alert, for the first 6 hours after taking XYREM. When you first start taking XYREM, be careful until you know how it will affect you.

- Before starting XYREM, tell your healthcare provider if you are pregnant, or plan to become pregnant, or if you are breastfeeding. It is not known whether XYREM can pass through your breast milk.

- Keep your XYREM in a safe place, out of the reach of children.

- Take XYREM while in bed.

Tell your healthcare provider and pharmacist about any other medicines you are taking, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and supplements.

It is also important to tell other healthcare providers, including pharmacists, that you are taking XYREM before you start or change any medications.
How often should my healthcare provider check my progress with XYREM?

When you first start taking XYREM, you may need to talk to your healthcare provider often until he or she has determined the best dose for you. You can expect that your dose may need to be adjusted. After your dose has been established, your healthcare provider should check on you every 3 months while you are taking XYREM.

Any questions? Please call the XYREM® REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

Please see the Medication Guide for more detailed information about XYREM.
STORAGE AND SAFETY TIPS AT HOME

How do I store XYREM?

- Always store XYREM in its original bottle.
- Store XYREM at room temperature. Do not refrigerate XYREM.
- Keep XYREM in a safe place, out of the reach of children and pets. Get emergency medical help (call 911) right away if a child drinks your XYREM.

How do I properly dispose of XYREM?

When you have finished a bottle, pour any unused XYREM down the sink or toilet drain. Mark out over the prescription label with a marker to protect your confidentiality before putting the empty bottle in the trash.

If you misplace, lose, or damage your XYREM dosing syringe, contact the Certified Pharmacy to have it replaced. Do not use a different syringe or try to guess the correct dose.
What if I have concerns about having XYREM in my home?

- If your XYREM is lost or stolen, report the incident right away to the local police and to the Certified Pharmacy.

- Use XYREM only as your healthcare provider tells you. Remember that use of your XYREM by others is illegal.

- If you have any questions or concerns, or if you need advice about XYREM, call your healthcare provider or the Certified Pharmacy.

Any questions? Please call the XYREM® REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

Please see the Medication Guide for more detailed information about XYREM.
Where can I get more information about XYREM?

For more information about XYREM, contact the XYREM REMS Program:

- **Phone:** 1-866-XYREM88® (1-866-997-3688)
- **Fax:** 1-866-470-1744 (toll free)
- **Outside the US:** +314-475-6000, ext 361 587
- **Website:** www.XYREMREMS.com
Any questions? Please call the XYREM® REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

Please see the Medication Guide for more detailed information about XYREM.
Keep this booklet as a helpful reminder

If you have questions or need information, contact the XYREM® REMS Program.

Any questions? Please call the XYREM® REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

Please see the Medication Guide for more detailed information about XYREM.
HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use XYREM safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for XYREM.

XYREM® (sodium oxybate) oral solution, CIII
Initial U.S. Approval: 2002

WARNING: CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM (CNS) DEPRESSION and MISUSE AND ABUSE.

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- Respiratory depression can occur with Xyrem use (5.4)
- Xyrem is a Schedule III controlled substance and is the sodium salt of gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), a Schedule I controlled substance. Abuse or misuse of illicit GHB is associated with CNS adverse reactions, including seizure, respiratory depression, decreased consciousness, coma and death (5.2, 9.2)
- Because of the risks of CNS depression, abuse, and misuse, Xyrem is available only through a restricted distribution program called the Xyrem REMS Program using the central pharmacy that is specially certified. Prescribers and patients must enroll in the program. (5.3)

RECENT MAJOR CHANGES
- Warnings and Precautions, Other Behavioral or Psychiatric Adverse Reactions (5.6) 1/2017

INDICATIONS AND USAGE
Xyrem is a central nervous system depressant indicated for the treatment of:
- Cataplexy in narcolepsy (1.1)
- Excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) in narcolepsy (1.2)

Xyrem may only be dispensed to patients enrolled in the Xyrem REMS Program (1).

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION
- Initiate dose at 4.5 grams (g) per night administered orally in two equal, divided doses: 2.25 g at bedtime and 2.25 g taken 2.5 to 4 hours later (2.1)
- Titrate to effect in increments of 1.5 g per night at weekly intervals (0.75 g at bedtime and 0.75 g taken 2.5 to 4 hours later) (2.1).
- Recommended dose range: 6 g to 9 g per night orally (2.1).

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- Take each dose while in bed and lie down after dosing (2.2).
- Allow 2 hours after eating before dosing (2.2).
- Prepare both doses prior to bedtime; dilute each dose with approximately 1/4 cup of water in pharmacy-provided vials (2.2).
- Patients with Hepatic Impairment: starting dose is 2.25 g per night administered orally in two equal, divided doses of approximately 1.13 g at bedtime and approximately 1.13 g taken 2.5 to 4 hours later (2.3).
- Concomitant use with divalproex sodium: an initial reduction in Xyrem dose of at least 20% is recommended (2.4, 7.2).

ADVERSE REACTIONS
Most common adverse reactions (≥5% and at least twice the incidence with placebo) were nausea, dizziness, vomiting, somnolence, enuresis, and tremor (6.1).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

CONTRAINDICATIONS
- Succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase deficiency (4)
- In combination with sedative hypnotics or alcohol (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
- CNS depression: Use caution when considering the concurrent use of Xyrem with other CNS depressants (5.1).
- Caution patients against hazardous activities requiring complete mental alertness or motor coordination within the first 6 hours of dosing or after first initiating treatment until certain that Xyrem does not affect them adversely (5.1).
- Depression and suicidality: Monitor patients for emergent or increased depression and suicidality (5.5).
- Confusion/Anxiety: Monitor for impaired motor/cognitive function (5.6).
- Parasomnias: Evaluate episodes of sleepwalking (5.7).
- High sodium content in Xyrem: Monitor patients with heart failure, hypertension, or impaired renal function (5.8).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions (≥5% and at least twice the incidence with placebo) were nausea, dizziness, vomiting, somnolence, enuresis, and tremor (6.1).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-800-520-5568, or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/Medwatch.

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
- Pregnancy: Based on animal data, may cause fetal harm (8.1).
- Geriatric patients: Monitor for impaired motor and/or cognitive function when taking Xyrem (8.5).

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide.

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1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Limitations of Use

Xyrem may only be dispensed to patients enrolled in the Xyrem REMS Program [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].

1.1 Cataplexy in Narcolepsy

Xyrem (sodium oxybate) oral solution is indicated for the treatment of cataplexy in narcolepsy.

1.2 Excessive Daytime Sleepiness in Narcolepsy

Xyrem (sodium oxybate) oral solution is indicated for the treatment of excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) in narcolepsy.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Healthcare professionals who prescribe Xyrem must enroll in the Xyrem REMS Program and must comply with the requirements to ensure safe use of Xyrem [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].

2.1 Dosing Information

The recommended starting dose is 4.5 grams (g) per night administered orally in two equal, divided doses: 2.25 g at bedtime and 2.25 g taken 2.5 to 4 hours later (see Table 1). Increase the dose by 1.5 g per night at weekly intervals (additional 0.75 g at bedtime and 0.75 g taken 2.5 to 4 hours later) to the effective dose range of 6 g to 9 g per night orally. Doses higher than 9 g per night have not been studied and should not ordinarily be administered.
Table 1: Xyrem Dose Regimen (g = grams)

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2.2 Important Administration Instructions

Take the first dose of Xyrem at least 2 hours after eating because food significantly reduces the bioavailability of sodium oxybate.

Prepare both doses of Xyrem prior to bedtime. Prior to ingestion, each dose of Xyrem should be diluted with approximately ¼ cup (approximately 60 mL) of water in the empty pharmacy vials provided. Patients should take both doses of Xyrem while in bed and lie down immediately after dosing as Xyrem may cause them to fall asleep abruptly without first feeling drowsy. Patients will often fall asleep within 5 minutes of taking Xyrem, and will usually fall asleep within 15 minutes, though the time it takes any individual patient to fall asleep may vary from night to night. Patients should remain in bed following ingestion of the first and second doses, and should not take the second dose until 2.5 to 4 hours after the first dose. Patients may need to set an alarm to awaken for the second dose. Rarely, patients may take up to 2 hours to fall asleep.

2.3 Dose Modification in Patients with Hepatic Impairment

The recommended starting dose in patients with hepatic impairment is 2.25 g per night administered orally in two equal, divided doses: approximately 1.13 g at bedtime and approximately 1.13 g taken 2.5 to 4 hours later [see Use in Specific Populations (8.6); Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

2.4 Dose Adjustment with Co-administration of Divalproex Sodium

Pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic interactions have been observed when Xyrem is co-administered with divalproex sodium. For patients already stabilized on Xyrem, it is recommended that addition of divalproex sodium should be accompanied by an initial reduction in the nightly dose of Xyrem by at least 20%. For patients already taking divalproex sodium, it is recommended that prescribers use a lower starting Xyrem dose when introducing Xyrem. Prescribers should monitor patient response and adjust dose accordingly [see Drug Interactions (7.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Xyrem is a clear to slightly opalescent oral solution, in a concentration of 0.5 g per mL (0.5 g/mL of sodium oxybate equivalent to 0.413 g/mL of oxybate).

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Xyrem is contraindicated in patients being treated with sedative hypnotic agents.
- Patients should not drink alcohol when using Xyrem.
- Xyrem is contraindicated in patients with succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase deficiency. This is a rare disorder of inborn error of metabolism variably characterized by mental retardation, hypotonia, and ataxia.
5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Central Nervous System Depression
Xyrem is a central nervous system (CNS) depressant. Alcohol and sedative hypnotics are contraindicated in patients who are using Xyrem. The concurrent use of Xyrem with other CNS depressants, including but not limited to opioid analgesics, benzodiazepines, sedating antidepressants or antipsychotics, sedating anti-epileptic drugs, general anesthetics, muscle relaxants, and/or illicit CNS depressants, may increase the risk of respiratory depression, hypotension, profound sedation, syncope, and death. If use of these CNS depressants in combination with Xyrem is required, dose reduction or discontinuation of one or more CNS depressants (including Xyrem) should be considered. In addition, if short-term use of an opioid (e.g. post- or perioperative) is required, interruption of treatment with Xyrem should be considered.

Healthcare providers should caution patients about operating hazardous machinery, including automobiles or airplanes, until they are reasonably certain that Xyrem does not affect them adversely (e.g., impair judgment, thinking, or motor skills). Patients should not engage in hazardous occupations or activities requiring complete mental alertness or motor coordination, such as operating machinery or a motor vehicle or flying an airplane, for at least 6 hours after taking the second nightly dose of Xyrem. Patients should be queried about CNS depression-related events upon initiation of Xyrem therapy and periodically thereafter [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].

5.2 Abuse and Misuse
Xyrem is a Schedule III controlled substance. The active ingredient of Xyrem, sodium oxybate or gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB), is a Schedule I controlled substance. Abuse of illicit GHB, either alone or in combination with other CNS depressants, is associated with CNS adverse reactions, including seizure, respiratory depression, decreases in the level of consciousness, coma, and death. The rapid onset of sedation, coupled with the amnestic features of Xyrem, particularly when combined with alcohol, has proven to be dangerous for the voluntary and involuntary user (e.g., assault victim). Because illicit use and abuse of GHB have been reported, physicians should carefully evaluate patients for a history of drug abuse and follow such patients closely, observing them for signs of misuse or abuse of GHB (e.g. increase in size or frequency of dosing, drug-seeking behavior, feigned cataplexy) [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3) and Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.2)].

5.3 Xyrem REMS Program
Because of the risks of central nervous system depression and abuse/misuse, Xyrem is available only through a restricted distribution program called the Xyrem REMS Program. Required components of the Xyrem REMS Program include:
• Healthcare Providers who prescribe Xyrem are specially certified
• Xyrem will be dispensed only by the central pharmacy that is specially certified
• Xyrem will be dispensed and shipped only to patients who are enrolled in the XYREM REMS Program with documentation of safe use

Further information is available at www.XYREMREMS.com or 1-866-XYREM88® (1-866-997-3688).

5.4 Respiratory Depression and Sleep-Disordered Breathing
Xyrem may impair respiratory drive, especially in patients with compromised respiratory function. In overdoses, life-threatening respiratory depression has been reported [see Overdosage (10)].
In a study assessing the respiratory-depressant effects of Xyrem at doses up to 9 g per night in 21 patients with narcolepsy, no dose-related changes in oxygen saturation were demonstrated in the group as a whole. One of the four patients with preexisting, moderate-to-severe sleep apnea had significant worsening of the apnea/hypopnea index during treatment.

In a study assessing the effects of Xyrem 9 g per night in 50 patients with obstructive sleep apnea, Xyrem did not increase the severity of sleep-disordered breathing and did not adversely affect the average duration and severity of oxygen desaturation overall. However, there was a significant increase in the number of central apneas in patients taking Xyrem, and clinically significant oxygen desaturation (≤ 55%) was measured in three patients (6%) after Xyrem administration, with one patient withdrawing from the study and two continuing after single brief instances of desaturation. Prescribers should be aware that increased central apneas and clinically relevant desaturation events have been observed with Xyrem administration.

In clinical trials in 128 patients with narcolepsy, two subjects had profound CNS depression, which resolved after supportive respiratory intervention. Two other patients discontinued sodium oxybate because of severe difficulty breathing and an increase in obstructive sleep apnea. In two controlled trials assessing polysomnographic (PSG) measures in patients with narcolepsy, 40 of 477 patients were included with a baseline apnea/hypopnea index of 16 to 67 events per hour, indicative of mild to severe sleep-disordered breathing. None of the 40 patients had a clinically significant worsening of respiratory function as measured by apnea/hypopnea index and pulse oximetry at doses of 4.5 g to 9 g per night.

Prescribers should be aware that sleep-related breathing disorders tend to be more prevalent in obese patients and in postmenopausal women not on hormone replacement therapy as well as among patients with narcolepsy.

5.5 Depression and Suicidality
In clinical trials in patients with narcolepsy (n=781), there were two suicides and two attempted suicides in Xyrem-treated patients, including three patients with a previous history of depressive psychiatric disorder. Of the two suicides, one patient used Xyrem in conjunction with other drugs. Xyrem was not involved in the second suicide. Adverse reactions of depression were reported by 7% of 781 Xyrem-treated patients, with four patients (< 1%) discontinuing because of depression. In most cases, no change in Xyrem treatment was required.

In a controlled trial, with patients randomized to fixed doses of 3 g, 6 g, or 9 g per night Xyrem or placebo, there was a single event of depression at the 3 g per night dose. In another controlled trial, with patients titrated from an initial 4.5 g per night starting dose, the incidences of depression were 1 (1.7%), 1 (1.5%), 2 (3.2%), and 2 (3.6%) for the placebo, 4.5 g, 6 g, and 9 g per night doses, respectively.

The emergence of depression in patients treated with Xyrem requires careful and immediate evaluation. Patients with a previous history of a depressive illness and/or suicide attempt should be monitored carefully for the emergence of depressive symptoms while taking Xyrem.

5.6 Other Behavioral or Psychiatric Adverse Reactions
During clinical trials in narcolepsy, 3% of 781 patients treated with Xyrem experienced confusion, with incidence generally increasing with dose.

Less than 1% of patients discontinued the drug because of confusion. Confusion was reported at all recommended doses from 6 g to 9 g per night. In a controlled trial where patients were randomized to fixed total daily doses of 3 g, 6 g, or 9 g per night or placebo, a dose-response relationship for confusion was demonstrated, with 17% of patients at 9 g per night experiencing confusion. In all cases in that controlled trial, the confusion resolved soon after termination of treatment. In Trial 3 where sodium oxybate was titrated from an initial 4.5 g per
night dose, there was a single event of confusion in one patient at the 9 g per night dose. In the majority of cases in all clinical trials in narcolepsy, confusion resolved either soon after termination of dosing or with continued treatment. However, patients treated with Xyrem who become confused should be evaluated fully, and appropriate intervention considered on an individual basis.

Anxiety occurred in 5.8% of the 874 patients receiving Xyrem in clinical trials in another population. The emergence of or increase in anxiety in patients taking Xyrem should be carefully monitored.

Other neuropsychiatric reactions reported in Xyrem clinical trials and the post-marketing setting included hallucinations, paranoia, psychosis, aggression, and agitation. The emergence of thought disorders and/or behavior abnormalities requires careful and immediate evaluation.

5.7 Parasomnias

Sleepwalking, defined as confused behavior occurring at night and at times associated with wandering, was reported in 6% of 781 patients with narcolepsy treated with Xyrem in controlled and long-term open-label studies, with < 1% of patients discontinuing due to sleepwalking. Rates of sleepwalking were similar for patients taking placebo and patients taking Xyrem in controlled trials. It is unclear if some or all of the reported sleepwalking episodes correspond to true somnambulism, which is a parasomnia occurring during non-REM sleep, or to any other specific medical disorder. Five instances of significant injury or potential injury were associated with sleepwalking during a clinical trial of Xyrem in patients with narcolepsy.

Parasomnias including sleepwalking have been reported in postmarketing experience with Xyrem. Therefore, episodes of sleepwalking should be fully evaluated and appropriate interventions considered.

5.8 Use in Patients Sensitive to High Sodium Intake

Xyrem has a high salt content. In patients sensitive to salt intake (e.g., those with heart failure, hypertension, or renal impairment) consider the amount of daily sodium intake in each dose of Xyrem. Table 2 provides the approximate sodium content per Xyrem dose.

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<th>Xyrem Dose</th>
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6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions appear in other sections of the labeling:

- CNS depression [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]
- Abuse and Misuse [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]
- Respiratory Depression and Sleep-disordered Breathing [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]
- Depression and Suicidality [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]
- Other Behavioral or Psychiatric Adverse Reactions [see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]
- Parasomnias [see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)]
- Use in Patients Sensitive to High Sodium Intake [see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

Xyrem was studied in three placebo-controlled clinical trials (Trials N1, N3, and N4, described in Sections 14.1 and 14.2) in 611 patients with narcolepsy (398 subjects treated with Xyrem, and 213 with placebo). A total of 781 patients with narcolepsy were treated with Xyrem in controlled and uncontrolled clinical trials.

Section 6.1 and Table 3 presents adverse reactions from three pooled, controlled trials (N1, N3, N4) in patients with narcolepsy.

Adverse Reactions Leading to Treatment Discontinuation:

Of the 398 Xyrem-treated patients with narcolepsy, 10.3% of patients discontinued because of adverse reactions compared with 2.8% of patients receiving placebo. The most common adverse reaction leading to discontinuation was nausea (2.8%). The majority of adverse reactions leading to discontinuation began during the first few weeks of treatment.

Commonly Observed Adverse Reactions in Controlled Clinical Trials:

The most common adverse reactions (incidence $\geq 5\%$ and twice the rate seen with placebo) in Xyrem-treated patients were nausea, dizziness, vomiting, somnolence, enuresis, and tremor.

Adverse Reactions Occurring at an Incidence of 2% or greater:

Table 3 lists adverse reactions that occurred at a frequency of 2% or more in any treatment group for three controlled trials and were more frequent in any Xyrem treatment group than with placebo. Adverse reactions are summarized by dose at onset. Nearly all patients in these studies initiated treatment at 4.5 g per night. In patients who remained on treatment, adverse reactions tended to occur early and to diminish over time.
Table 3

Adverse Reactions Occurring in ≥2% of Patients and More Frequently with Xyrem than Placebo in Three Controlled Trials (N1, N3, N4) by Body System and Dose at Onset

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<th>Placebo (n=213) %</th>
<th>Xyrem 4.5g (n=185) %</th>
<th>Xyrem 6g (n=258) %</th>
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*Dose-Response Information*

In clinical trials in narcolepsy, a dose-response relationship was observed for nausea, vomiting, paresthesia, disorientation, irritability, disturbance in attention, feeling drunk, sleepwalking, and enuresis. The incidence of all these reactions was notably higher at 9 g per night.

In controlled trials in narcolepsy, discontinuations of treatment due to adverse reactions were greater at higher doses of Xyrem.
6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during postapproval use of Xyrem. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure:

- arthralgia, decreased appetite, fall, fluid retention, hangover, headache, hypersensitivity, hypertension, memory impairment, nocturia, panic attack, vision blurred, and weight decreased

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Alcohol, Sedative Hypnotics, and CNS depressants

Xyrem should not be used in combination with alcohol or sedative hypnotics. Use of other CNS depressants may potentiate the CNS-depressant effects of Xyrem.

7.2 Divalproex Sodium

Concomitant use of Xyrem with divalproex sodium resulted in a 25% mean increase in systemic exposure to Xyrem (AUC ratio range of 0.8 to 1.7) and in a greater impairment on some tests of attention and working memory. An initial Xyrem dose reduction of at least 20% is recommended if divalproex sodium is prescribed to patients already taking Xyrem [see Dosage and Administration (2.4) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]. Prescribers are advised to monitor patient response closely and adjust dose accordingly if concomitant use of Xyrem and divalproex sodium is warranted.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

There are no adequate data on the developmental risk associated with the use of sodium oxybate in pregnant women. Oral administration of sodium oxybate to pregnant rats (150, 350, or 1,000 mg/kg/day) or rabbits (300, 600, or 1,200 mg/kg/day) throughout organogenesis produced no clear evidence of developmental toxicity; however, oral administration to rats throughout pregnancy and lactation resulted in increased stillbirths and decreased offspring postnatal viability and growth, at a clinically relevant dose [see Data].

In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2-4% and 15-20%, respectively. The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown.

Clinical Considerations

Labor or Delivery

Xyrem has not been studied in labor or delivery. In obstetric anesthesia using an injectable formulation of sodium oxybate, newborns had stable cardiovascular and respiratory measures but were very sleepy, causing a slight decrease in Apgar scores. There was a fall in the rate of uterine contractions 20 minutes after injection. Placental transfer is rapid and gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB) has been detected in newborns at delivery after intravenous administration of GHB to mothers. Subsequent effects of sodium oxybate on later growth, development, and maturation in humans are unknown.
Data

Animal Data

Oral administration of sodium oxybate to pregnant rats (150, 350, or 1,000 mg/kg/day) or rabbits (300, 600, or 1,200 mg/kg/day) throughout organogenesis produced no clear evidence of developmental toxicity. The highest doses tested in rats and rabbits were approximately 1 and 3 times, respectively, the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 9 g per night on a body surface area (mg/m²) basis.

Oral administration of sodium oxybate (150, 350, or 1,000 mg/kg/day) to rats throughout pregnancy and lactation resulted in increased stillbirths and decreased offspring postnatal viability and body weight gain at the highest dose tested. The no-effect dose for pre- and postnatal developmental toxicity in rats is less than the MRHD on a mg/m² basis.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

GHB is excreted in human milk after oral administration of sodium oxybate. There is insufficient information on the risk to a breastfed infant, and there is insufficient information on milk production in nursing mothers. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother’s clinical need for Xyrem and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from Xyrem or from the underlying maternal condition.

8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of Xyrem in patients with narcolepsy did not include sufficient numbers of subjects age 65 years and older to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. In controlled trials in another population, 39 (5%) of 874 patients were 65 years or older. Discontinuations of treatment due to adverse reactions were increased in the elderly compared to younger adults (20.5% v. 18.9%). Frequency of headaches was markedly increased in the elderly (38.5% v. 18.9%). The most common adverse reactions were similar in both age categories. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, usually starting at the low end of the dosing range, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy.

8.6 Hepatic Impairment

The starting dose of Xyrem should be reduced by one-half in patients with liver impairment [see Dosage and Administration (2.3) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

9 DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE

9.1 Controlled Substance

Xyrem is a Schedule III controlled substance under the Federal Controlled Substances Act. Non-medical use of Xyrem could lead to penalties assessed under the higher Schedule I controls.

9.2 Abuse

Xyrem (sodium oxybate), the sodium salt of GHB, produces dose-dependent central nervous system effects, including hypnotic and positive subjective reinforcing effects. The onset of effect is rapid, enhancing its potential for abuse or misuse.
The rapid onset of sedation, coupled with the amnestic features of Xyrem, particularly when combined with alcohol, has proven to be dangerous for the voluntary and involuntary user (e.g., assault victim).

Illicit GHB is abused in social settings primarily by young adults. Some of the doses estimated to be abused are in a similar dosage range to that used for treatment of patients with cataplexy. GHB has some commonalities with ethanol over a limited dose range, and some cross tolerance with ethanol has been reported as well. Cases of severe dependence and craving for GHB have been reported when the drug is taken around the clock. Patterns of abuse indicative of dependence include: 1) the use of increasingly large doses, 2) increased frequency of use, and 3) continued use despite adverse consequences.

Because illicit use and abuse of GHB have been reported, physicians should carefully evaluate patients for a history of drug abuse and follow such patients closely, observing them for signs of misuse or abuse of GHB (e.g. increase in size or frequency of dosing, drug-seeking behavior, feigned cataplexy). Dispose of Xyrem according to state and federal regulations. It is safe to dispose of Xyrem down the sanitary sewer.

9.3 Dependence

There have been case reports of withdrawal, ranging from mild to severe, following discontinuation of illicit use of GHB at frequent repeated doses (18 g to 250 g per day) in excess of the therapeutic dose range. Signs and symptoms of GHB withdrawal following abrupt discontinuation included insomnia, restlessness, anxiety, psychosis, lethargy, nausea, tremor, sweating, muscle cramps, tachycardia, headache, dizziness, rebound fatigue and sleepiness, confusion, and, particularly in the case of severe withdrawal, visual hallucinations, agitation, and delirium. These symptoms generally abated in 3 to 14 days. In cases of severe withdrawal, hospitalization may be required. The discontinuation effects of Xyrem have not been systematically evaluated in controlled clinical trials. In the clinical trial experience with Xyrem in narcolepsy/cataplexy patients at therapeutic doses, two patients reported anxiety and one reported insomnia following abrupt discontinuation at the termination of the clinical trial; in the two patients with anxiety, the frequency of cataplexy had increased markedly at the same time.

Tolerance

Tolerance to Xyrem has not been systematically studied in controlled clinical trials. There have been some case reports of symptoms of tolerance developing after illicit use at dosages far in excess of the recommended Xyrem dosage regimen. Clinical studies of sodium oxybate in the treatment of alcohol withdrawal suggest a potential cross-tolerance with alcohol. The safety and effectiveness of Xyrem in the treatment of alcohol withdrawal have not been established.

10 OVERDOSAGE

10.1 Human Experience

Information regarding overdose with Xyrem is derived largely from reports in the medical literature that describe symptoms and signs in individuals who have ingested GHB illicitly. In these circumstances the co-ingestion of other drugs and alcohol was common, and may have influenced the presentation and severity of clinical manifestations of overdose.

In clinical trials two cases of overdose with Xyrem were reported. In the first case, an estimated dose of 150 g, more than 15 times the maximum recommended dose, caused a patient to be unresponsive with brief periods of apnea and to be incontinent of urine and feces. This individual recovered without sequelae. In the second case, death was reported following a multiple drug overdose consisting of Xyrem and numerous other drugs.
10.2 Signs and Symptoms

Information about signs and symptoms associated with overdosage with Xyrem derives from reports of its illicit use. Patient presentation following overdose is influenced by the dose ingested, the time since ingestion, the co-ingestion of other drugs and alcohol, and the fed or fasted state. Patients have exhibited varying degrees of depressed consciousness that may fluctuate rapidly between a confusional, agitated combative state with ataxia and coma. Emesis (even when obtunded), diaphoresis, headache, and impaired psychomotor skills have been observed. No typical pupillary changes have been described to assist in diagnosis; pupillary reactivity to light is maintained. Blurred vision has been reported. An increasing depth of coma has been observed at higher doses. Myoclonus and tonic-clonic seizures have been reported. Respiration may be unaffected or compromised in rate and depth. Cheyne-Stokes respiration and apnea have been observed. Bradycardia and hypothermia may accompany unconsciousness, as well as muscular hypotonia, but tendon reflexes remain intact.

10.3 Recommended Treatment of Overdose

General symptomatic and supportive care should be instituted immediately, and gastric decontamination may be considered if co-ingestants are suspected. Because emesis may occur in the presence of obtundation, appropriate posture (left lateral recumbent position) and protection of the airway by intubation may be warranted. Although the gag reflex may be absent in deeply comatose patients, even unconscious patients may become combative to intubation, and rapid-sequence induction (without the use of sedative) should be considered. Vital signs and consciousness should be closely monitored. The bradycardia reported with GHB overdose has been responsive to atropine intravenous administration. No reversal of the central depressant effects of Xyrem can be expected from naloxone or flumazenil administration. The use of hemodialysis and other forms of extracorporeal drug removal have not been studied in GHB overdose. However, due to the rapid metabolism of sodium oxybate, these measures are not warranted.

10.4 Poison Control Center

As with the management of all cases of drug overdosage, the possibility of multiple drug ingestion should be considered. The healthcare provider is encouraged to collect urine and blood samples for routine toxicologic screening, and to consult with a regional poison control center (1-800-222-1222) for current treatment recommendations.

11 DESCRIPTION

Sodium oxybate, a CNS depressant, is the active ingredient in Xyrem. The chemical name for sodium oxybate is sodium 4-hydroxybutyrate. The molecular formula is C₄H₇NaO₃, and the molecule weight is 126.09 g/mole. The chemical structure is:

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\text{Na}^+ & \quad -O -C -CH₂ - CH₂ - CH₂ - O - H \\
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Sodium oxybate is a white to off-white, crystalline powder that is very soluble in aqueous solutions. Each mL of Xyrem contains 0.5 g of sodium oxybate (equivalent to 0.413 g/mL of oxybate) in USP Purified Water, neutralized to pH 7.5 with malic acid.
12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Xyrem is a CNS depressant. The mechanism of action of Xyrem in the treatment of narcolepsy is unknown. Sodium oxybate is the sodium salt of gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), an endogenous compound and metabolite of the neurotransmitter GABA. It is hypothesized that the therapeutic effects of Xyrem on cataplexy and excessive daytime sleepiness are mediated through GABA_B actions at noradrenergic and dopaminergic neurons, as well as at thalamocortical neurons.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Pharmacokinetics of GHB are nonlinear and are similar following single or repeat dosing of Xyrem.

Absorption

Following oral administration of Xyrem, GHB is absorbed rapidly across the clinical dose range, with an absolute bioavailability of about 88%. The average peak plasma concentrations (C_max) following administration of each of the two 2.25 g doses given under fasting conditions 4 hours apart were similar. The average time to peak plasma concentration (T_max) ranged from 0.5 to 1.25 hours. Following oral administration of Xyrem, the plasma levels of GHB increased more than dose-proportionally, with blood levels increasing 3.7-fold as total daily dose is doubled from 4.5 g to 9 g. Single doses greater than 4.5 g have not been studied. Administration of Xyrem immediately after a high-fat meal resulted in delayed absorption (average T_max increased from 0.75 hr to 2 hr) and a reduction in C_max of GHB by a mean of 59% and of systemic exposure (AUC) by 37%.

Distribution

GHB is a hydrophilic compound with an apparent volume of distribution averaging 190 mL/kg to 384 mL/kg. At GHB concentrations ranging from 3 mcg/mL to 300 mcg/mL, less than 1% is bound to plasma proteins.

Metabolism

Animal studies indicate that metabolism is the major elimination pathway for GHB, producing carbon dioxide and water via the tricarboxylic acid (Krebs) cycle and secondarily by beta-oxidation. The primary pathway involves a cytosolic NADP+-linked enzyme, GHB dehydrogenase, that catalyzes the conversion of GHB to succinic semialdehyde, which is then biotransformed to succinic acid by the enzyme succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase. Succinic acid enters the Krebs cycle where it is metabolized to carbon dioxide and water. A second mitochondrial oxidoreductase enzyme, a transhydrogenase, also catalyzes the conversion to succinic semialdehyde in the presence of α-ketoglutarate. An alternate pathway of biotransformation involves β-oxidation via 3,4-dihydroxybutyrate to carbon dioxide and water. No active metabolites have been identified.

Elimination

The clearance of GHB is almost entirely by biotransformation to carbon dioxide, which is then eliminated by expiration. On average, less than 5% of unchanged drug appears in human urine within 6 to 8 hours after dosing. Fecal excretion is negligible. GHB has an elimination half-life of 0.5 to 1 hour.
**Specific Populations**

*Geriatric*

There is limited experience with Xyrem in the elderly. Results from a pharmacokinetic study (n=20) in another studied population indicate that the pharmacokinetic characteristics of GHB are consistent among younger (age 48 to 64 years) and older (age 65 to 75 years) adults.

*Pediatric*

The pharmacokinetics of GHB in patients younger than 18 years of age have not been studied.

*Gender*

In a study of 18 female and 18 male healthy adult volunteers, no gender differences were detected in the pharmacokinetics of GHB following a single Xyrem oral dose of 4.5 g.

*Race*

There are insufficient data to evaluate any pharmacokinetic differences among races.

*Renal Impairment*

No pharmacokinetic study in patients with renal impairment has been conducted.

*Hepatic Impairment*

The pharmacokinetics of GHB in 16 cirrhotic patients, half without ascites (Child’s Class A) and half with ascites (Child’s Class C), were compared to the kinetics in 8 subjects with normal hepatic function after a single Xyrem oral dose of 25 mg/kg. AUC values were double in the cirrhotic patients, with apparent oral clearance reduced from 9.1 mL/min/kg in healthy adults to 4.5 and 4.1 mL/min/kg in Class A and Class C patients, respectively. Elimination half-life was significantly longer in Class C and Class A patients than in control patients (mean t½ of 59 and 32 minutes, respectively, versus 22 minutes). The starting dose of Xyrem should be reduced by one-half in patients with liver impairment [see Dosage and Administration (2.3); Use in Specific Populations (8.6)].

**Drug Interactions Studies**

Studies *in vitro* with pooled human liver microsomes indicate that sodium oxybate does not significantly inhibit the activities of the human isoenzymes CYP1A2, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP2E1, or CYP3A up to the concentration of 3 mM (378 mcg/mL), a level considerably higher than levels achieved with therapeutic doses.

Drug interaction studies in healthy adults (age 18 to 50 years) were conducted with Xyrem and divalproex sodium, diclofenac, and ibuprofen:

- **Divalproex sodium**: Co-administration of Xyrem (6 g per day as two equal doses of 3 grams dosed four hours apart) with divalproex sodium (valproic acid, 1250 mg per day) increased mean systemic exposure to GHB as shown by AUC by approximately 25%, while Cₘₐₓ was comparable. Co-administration did not appear to affect the pharmacokinetics of valproic acid. A greater impairment on some tests of attention and working memory was observed with co-administration of both drugs than with either drug alone [see Drug Interactions (7.2) and Dosage and Administration (2.4)].

- **Diclofenac**: Co-administration of Xyrem (6 g per day as two equal doses of 3 grams dosed four hours apart) with diclofenac (50 mg/dose twice per day) showed no significant differences in systemic exposure to GHB. Co-administration did not appear to affect the pharmacokinetics of diclofenac.
Ibuprofen: Co-administration of Xyrem (6 g per day as two equal doses of 3 grams dosed four hours apart) with ibuprofen (800 mg/dose four times per day also dosed four hours apart) resulted in comparable systemic exposure to GHB as shown by plasma C\text{max} and AUC values. Co-administration did not affect the pharmacokinetics of ibuprofen.

Drug interaction studies in healthy adults demonstrated no pharmacokinetic interactions between Xyrem and protriptyline hydrochloride, zolpidem tartrate, and modafinil. Also, there were no pharmacokinetic interactions with the alcohol dehydrogenase inhibitor fomepizole. However, pharmacodynamic interactions with these drugs cannot be ruled out. Alteration of gastric pH with omeprazole produced no significant change in the pharmacokinetics of GHB. In addition, drug interaction studies in healthy adults demonstrated no pharmacokinetic or clinically significant pharmacodynamic interactions between Xyrem and duloxetine HCl.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenesis

Administration of sodium oxybate to rats at oral doses of up to 1,000 mg/kg/day for 83 (males) or 104 (females) weeks resulted in no increase in tumors. Plasma exposure (AUC) at the highest dose tested was 2 times that in humans at the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 9 g per night.

The results of 2-year carcinogenicity studies in mouse and rat with gamma-butyrolactone, a compound that is metabolized to sodium oxybate in vivo, showed no clear evidence of carcinogenic activity. The plasma AUCs of sodium oxybate achieved at the highest doses tested in these studies were less than that in humans at the MRHD.

Mutagenesis

Sodium oxybate was negative in the in vitro bacterial gene mutation assay, an in vitro chromosomal aberration assay in mammalian cells, and in an in vivo rat micronucleus assay.

Impairment of Fertility

Oral administration of sodium oxybate (150, 350, or 1,000 mg/kg/day) to male and female rats prior to and throughout mating and continuing in females through early gestation resulted in no adverse effects on fertility. The highest dose tested is approximately equal to the MRHD on a mg/m² basis.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Cataplexy in Narcolepsy

The effectiveness of Xyrem in the treatment of cataplexy was established in two randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter, parallel-group trials (Trials N1 and N2) in patients with narcolepsy (see Table 4). In Trials N1 and N2, 85% and 80% of patients, respectively, were also being treated with CNS stimulants. The high percentages of concomitant stimulant use make it impossible to assess the efficacy and safety of Xyrem independent of stimulant use. In each trial, the treatment period was 4 weeks and the total nightly Xyrem doses ranged from 3 g to 9 g, with the total nightly dose administered as two equal doses. The first dose each night was taken at bedtime and the second dose was taken 2.5 to 4 hours later. There were no restrictions on the time between food consumption and dosing.

Trial N1 enrolled 136 narcoleptic patients with moderate to severe cataplexy (median of 21 cataplexy attacks per week) at baseline. Prior to randomization, medications with possible
effects on cataplexy were withdrawn, but stimulants were continued at stable doses. Patients were randomized to receive placebo, Xyrem 3 g per night, Xyrem 6 g per night, or Xyrem 9 g per night.

Trial N2 was a randomized withdrawal trial with 55 narcoleptic patients who had been taking open-label Xyrem for 7 to 44 months prior to study entry. To be included, patients were required to have a history of at least 5 cataplexy attacks per week prior to any treatment for cataplexy. Patients were randomized to continued treatment with Xyrem at their stable dose (ranging from 3 g to 9 g per night) or to placebo for 2 weeks. Trial N2 was designed specifically to evaluate the continued efficacy of sodium oxybate after long-term use.

The primary efficacy measure in Trials N1 and N2 was the frequency of cataplexy attacks.

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<th>Trial/Dosage Group</th>
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<th>Median Change from Baseline</th>
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<td>Placebo (n=33)</td>
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<td>Xyrem 6 g per night (n=31)</td>
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<td>Xyrem 9 g per night (n=33)</td>
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<td>Xyrem (n=26)</td>
<td>1.9</td>
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In Trial N1, both the 6 g and 9 g per night Xyrem doses resulted in statistically significant reductions in the frequency of cataplexy attacks. The 3 g per night dose had little effect. In Trial N2, patients randomized to placebo after discontinuing long-term open-label Xyrem therapy experienced a significant increase in cataplexy attacks (p < 0.001), providing evidence of long-term efficacy of Xyrem. In Trial N2, the response was numerically similar for patients treated with doses of 6 g to 9 g per night, but there was no effect seen in patients treated with doses less than 6 g per night, suggesting little effect at these doses.

### 14.2 Excessive Daytime Sleepiness in Narcolepsy

The effectiveness of Xyrem in the treatment of excessive daytime sleepiness in patients with narcolepsy was established in two randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trials (Trials N3 and N4) (see Tables 5 to 7). Seventy-eight percent of patients in Trial N3 were also being treated with CNS stimulants.

Trial N3 was a multicenter randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group trial that evaluated 228 patients with moderate to severe symptoms at entry into the study including a median Epworth Sleepiness Scale (see below) score of 18, and a Maintenance of Wakefulness Test (see below) score of 8.3 minutes. Patients were randomized to one of 4 treatment groups: placebo, Xyrem 4.5 g per night, Xyrem 6 g per night, or Xyrem 9 g per night. The period of double-blind treatment in this trial was 8 weeks. Antidepressants were withdrawn prior to randomization; stimulants were continued at stable doses.

The primary efficacy measures in Trial N3 were the Epworth Sleepiness Scale and the Clinical Global Impression of Change. The Epworth Sleepiness Scale is intended to evaluate the
extent of sleepiness in everyday situations by asking the patient a series of questions. In these questions, patients were asked to rate their chances of dozing during each of 8 activities on a scale from 0-3 (0=never; 1=slight; 2=moderate; 3=high). Higher total scores indicate a greater tendency to sleepiness. The Clinical Global Impression of Change is evaluated on a 7-point scale, centered at No Change, and ranging from Very Much Worse to Very Much Improved. In Trial N3, patients were rated by evaluators who based their assessments on the severity of narcolepsy at baseline.

In Trial N3, statistically significant improvements were seen on the Epworth Sleepiness Scale score at Week 8 and on the Clinical Global Impression of Change score at Week 8 with the 6 g and 9 g per night doses of Xyrem compared to the placebo group.

Table 5
Change from Baseline in Daytime Sleepiness Score (Epworth Sleepiness Scale) at Week 8 in Trial N3 (Range 0-24)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Treatment Group</th>
<th>Baseline</th>
<th>Week 8</th>
<th>Median Change from Baseline at Week 8</th>
<th>p-value</th>
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<td>17.5</td>
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<td>Xyrem 6 g per night (n=58)</td>
<td>19.0</td>
<td>16.0</td>
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<td>Xyrem 9 g per night (n=47)</td>
<td>19.0</td>
<td>12.0</td>
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Table 6
Proportion of patients with a very much or much improved Clinical Global Impression of Change in Daytime and Nighttime Symptoms in Trial N3

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Treatment Group</th>
<th>Percentages of Responders (Very Much Improved or Much Improved)</th>
<th>Change from Baseline Significance Compared to Placebo (p-value)</th>
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<td>Placebo (59)</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>Xyrem 6 g per night</td>
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<td>Xyrem 9 g per night</td>
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Trial N4 was a multicenter randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group trial that evaluated 222 patients with moderate to severe symptoms at entry into the study including a median Epworth Sleepiness Scale score of 15, and a Maintenance of Wakefulness Test (see below) score of 10.3 minutes. At entry, patients had to be taking modafinil at stable doses of 200 mg, 400 mg, or 600 mg daily for at least 1 month prior to randomization. The patients enrolled in the study were randomized to one of 4 treatment groups: placebo, Xyrem, modafinil, or Xyrem plus modafinil. Xyrem was administered in a dose of 6 g per night for 4 weeks, followed by 9 g per night for 4 weeks. Modafinil was continued in the modafinil alone and the Xyrem plus modafinil treatment groups at the patient’s prior dose. Trial N4 was not designed to compare the effects of Xyrem to modafinil because patients receiving modafinil were not titrated to a
maximal dose. Patients randomized to placebo or to Xyrem treatment were withdrawn from their stable dose of modafinil. Patients taking antidepressants could continue these medications at stable doses.

The primary efficacy measure in Trial N4 was the Maintenance of Wakefulness Test. The Maintenance of Wakefulness Test measures latency to sleep onset (in minutes) averaged over 4 sessions at 2-hour intervals following nocturnal polysomnography. For each test session, the subject was asked to remain awake without using extraordinary measures. Each test session is terminated after 20 minutes if no sleep occurs, or after 10 minutes, if sleep occurs. The overall score is the mean sleep latency for the 4 sessions.

In Trial N4, a statistically significant improvement in the change in the Maintenance of Wakefulness Test score from baseline at Week 8 was seen in the Xyrem and Xyrem plus modafinil groups compared to the placebo group.

This trial was not designed to compare the effects of Xyrem to modafinil, because patients receiving modafinil were not titrated to a maximally effective dose.

### Table 7
Change in Baseline in the Maintenance of Wakefulness Test Score (in minutes) at Week 8 in Trial N4

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Treatment Group</th>
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<th>Mean Change from Baseline at Week 8</th>
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<td>9.7</td>
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<td>Xyrem (modafinil withdrawn)</td>
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<td>Xyrem plus modafinil (n=54)</td>
<td>10.4</td>
<td>13.2</td>
<td>2.7</td>
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16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

16.1 How Supplied

Xyrem is a clear to slightly opalescent oral solution. Each prescription includes one bottle of Xyrem, a press-in-bottle-adaptor, an oral measuring device (plastic syringe), and a Medication Guide. The pharmacy provides two empty vials with child-resistant caps with each Xyrem shipment.

Each amber bottle contains Xyrem oral solution at a concentration of 0.5 g per mL (0.5 g/mL of sodium oxybate equivalent to 0.413 g/mL of oxybate) and has a child-resistant cap.

One 180 mL bottle NDC 68727-100-01

16.2 Storage

Keep out of reach of children.

Xyrem should be stored at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15° to 30°C (59° to 86°F) (see USP Controlled Room Temperature).
Dispense in tight containers. Solutions prepared following dilution should be consumed within 24 hours.

16.3 Handling and Disposal
Xyrem is a Schedule III drug under the Controlled Substances Act. Xyrem should be handled according to state and federal regulations. It is safe to dispose of Xyrem down the sanitary sewer.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION
See FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide).

Xyrem REMS Program
Inform patients that Xyrem is available only through a restricted distribution program called the Xyrem REMS Program.

The contents of the Xyrem Medication Guide and educational materials are reviewed with every patient before initiating treatment with Xyrem.

Patients must read and understand the materials in the Xyrem REMS Program prior to initiating treatment. Inform the patient that they should be seen by the prescriber frequently to review dose titration, symptom response, and adverse reactions; a follow-up of every three months is recommended.

Discuss safe and proper use of Xyrem and dosing information with patients prior to the initiation of treatment. Instruct patients to store Xyrem bottles and Xyrem doses in a secure place, out of the reach of children and pets.

Alcohol or Sedative Hypnotics
Advise patients not to drink alcohol or take other sedative hypnotics if they are taking Xyrem.

Sedation
Inform patients that after taking Xyrem they are likely to fall asleep quickly (often within 5 and usually within 15 minutes), but the time it takes to fall asleep can vary from night to night. The sudden onset of sleep, including in a standing position or while rising from bed, has led to falls complicated by injuries, in some cases requiring hospitalization. Instruct patients to remain in bed following ingestion of the first and second doses. Instruct patients not to take their second dose until 2.5 to 4 hours after the first dose.

Food Effects on Xyrem
Inform patients to take the first dose at least 2 hours after eating.

Respiratory Depression
Inform patients that Xyrem can be associated with respiratory depression.
Operating Hazardous Machinery

Inform patients that until they are reasonably certain that Xyrem does not affect them adversely (e.g., impair judgment, thinking, or motor skills) they should not operate hazardous machinery, including automobiles or airplanes.

Suicidality

Instruct patients or families to contact a healthcare provider immediately if the patient develops depressed mood, markedly diminished interest or pleasure in usual activities, significant change in weight and/or appetite, psychomotor agitation or retardation, increased fatigue, feelings of guilt or worthlessness, slowed thinking or impaired concentration, or suicidal ideation.

Sleepwalking

Instruct patients and their families that Xyrem has been associated with sleepwalking and to contact their healthcare provider if this occurs.

Sodium Intake

Instruct patients who are sensitive to salt intake (e.g., those with heart failure, hypertension, or renal impairment) that Xyrem contains a significant amount of sodium and they should limit their sodium intake.

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Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking Xyrem and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment.

What is the most important information I should know about Xyrem?

**Xyrem can cause serious side effects** including slow breathing or changes in your alertness. Do not drink alcohol or take medicines intended to make you fall asleep while you are taking Xyrem because they can make these side effects worse. Call your doctor right away if you have any of these serious side effects.

- The active ingredient of Xyrem is a form of gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB). GHB is a chemical that has been abused and misused. Abuse and misuse of Xyrem can cause serious medical problems, including:
  - seizures
  - trouble breathing
  - changes in alertness
  - coma
  - death

- Do not drive a car, use heavy machinery, fly an airplane, or do anything that is dangerous or that requires you to be fully awake for at least 6 hours after you take Xyrem. You should not do those activities until you know how Xyrem affects you.

- Xyrem is available only by prescription and filled through the central pharmacy in the Xyrem REMS Program. Before you receive Xyrem, your doctor or pharmacist will make sure that you understand how to use Xyrem safely and effectively. If you have any questions about Xyrem, ask your doctor or call the Xyrem REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

What is Xyrem?

Xyrem is a prescription medicine used to treat the following symptoms in people who fall asleep frequently during the day, often at unexpected times (narcolepsy):

- suddenly weak or paralyzed muscles when they feel strong emotions (cataplexy)
- excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) in people who have narcolepsy

It is not known if Xyrem is safe and effective in children.

Xyrem is a controlled substance (CIII) because it contains sodium oxybate that can be a target for people who abuse prescription medicines or street drugs. Keep your Xyrem in a safe place to protect it from theft. Never give your Xyrem to anyone else because it may cause death or harm them. Selling or giving away this medicine is against the law.
Who should not take Xyrem?

Do not take Xyrem if you:
- take other sleep medicines or sedatives (medicines that cause sleepiness)
- drink alcohol
- have a rare problem called succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase deficiency

Before you take Xyrem, tell your doctor if you:
- have short periods of not breathing while you sleep (sleep apnea)
- snore, have trouble breathing, or have lung problems. You may have a higher chance of having serious breathing problems when you take Xyrem.
- have or had depression or have tried to harm yourself. You should be watched carefully for new symptoms of depression.
- have liver problems
- are on a salt-restricted diet. Xyrem contains a lot of sodium (salt) and may not be right for you.
- have high blood pressure
- have heart failure
- have kidney problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if Xyrem can harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Xyrem passes into breast milk. You and your doctor should decide if you will take Xyrem or breastfeed.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Especially, tell your doctor if you take other medicines to help you sleep (sedatives). Do not take medicines that make you sleepy with Xyrem.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take Xyrem?
- Read the Instructions for Use at the end of this Medication Guide for detailed instructions on how to take Xyrem.
- Take Xyrem exactly as your doctor tells you to take it.
- Never change your Xyrem dose without talking to your doctor.
- Xyrem can cause sleep very quickly. You should fall asleep soon. Some patients fall asleep within 5 minutes and most fall asleep within 15 minutes. Some patients take less time to fall asleep and some take more time. The time it takes you to fall asleep might be different from night to night.
- Take your first Xyrem dose at bedtime while you are in bed. Take your second Xyrem dose 2 ½ to 4 hours after you take your first Xyrem dose. You may want to set an alarm clock to make sure you wake up to take your second Xyrem dose. You should remain in bed after taking the first and second doses of Xyrem.
- If you miss your second Xyrem dose, skip that dose and do not take Xyrem again until the next night. Never take 2 Xyrem doses at 1 time.
- Wait at least 2 hours after eating before you take Xyrem.
• You should see your doctor every 3 months for a check-up while taking Xyrem. Your doctor should check to see if Xyrem is helping to lessen your symptoms and if you feel any side effects while you take Xyrem.
• If you take too much Xyrem, call your doctor or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

What are the possible side effects of Xyrem?

Xyrem can cause serious side effects, including:

• See “What is the most important information I should know about Xyrem?”

• Breathing problems, including:
  o slower breathing
  o trouble breathing
  o short periods of not breathing while sleeping (sleep apnea). People who already have breathing or lung problems have a higher chance of having breathing problems when they use Xyrem.

• Mental health problems, including:
  o confusion
  o seeing or hearing things that are not real (hallucinations)
  o unusual or disturbing thoughts (abnormal thinking)
  o feeling anxious or upset
  o depression
  o thoughts of killing yourself or trying to kill yourself

Call your doctor right away if you have symptoms of mental health problems.

• Sleepwalking. Sleepwalking can cause injuries. Call your doctor if you start sleepwalking. Your doctor should check you.

The most common side effects of Xyrem include:
  o nausea
  o dizziness
  o vomiting
  o bedwetting
  o diarrhea

Your side effects may increase when you take higher doses of Xyrem. Xyrem can cause physical dependence and craving for the medicine when it is not taken as directed.

These are not all the possible side effects of Xyrem. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.
How should I store Xyrem?
- Always store Xyrem in the original bottle or in pharmacy containers with child-resistant caps provided by the pharmacy.
- Keep Xyrem in a safe place out of the reach of children and pets.
- Get emergency medical help right away if a child drinks your Xyrem.
- Store Xyrem between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 24°C). When you have finished using a Xyrem bottle:
  - empty any unused Xyrem down the sink drain
  - cross out the label on the Xyrem bottle with a marker
  - place the empty Xyrem bottle in the trash

General information about the safe and effective use of Xyrem

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use Xyrem for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give Xyrem to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about Xyrem. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your pharmacist or doctor for information about Xyrem that is written for health professionals.

For more information, go to www.XYREMREMS.com or call the Xyrem REMS Program at 1-866-997-3688.

What are the ingredients in Xyrem?
Active Ingredients: sodium oxybate

Inactive Ingredients: purified water and malic acid

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**Note:**
- You will need to split your prescribed Xyrem dose into 2 separate pharmacy containers for mixing.
- You will need to mix Xyrem with water before you take your dose.
- Take your dose within 24 hours after mixing Xyrem with water. If you do not take your dose within this time, you will need to throw the mixture away.

Supplies you will need for mixing and taking Xyrem: See Figure A.
- bottle of your Xyrem medicine
- press-in-bottle-adaptor with straw attached
- syringe for drawing up your Xyrem dose
- a measuring cup containing about ¼ cup of water (not provided with your Xyrem prescription)
- 2 empty pharmacy containers with child-resistant caps
- alarm clock by your bedside (alarm clock may be included in your first shipment of Xyrem)

*Please note that the measuring cup and water for dilution are not provided with your Xyrem prescription*
Step 1. Take the Xyrem bottle, press-in-bottle-adaptor, and syringe out of the box.
Step 2. Remove the bottle cap from the Xyrem bottle by pushing down while turning the cap counterclockwise (to the left). See Figure B.

Figure B

Step 3.
- The press-in-bottle-adaptor may already be put in place by the pharmacy. If it is not already in place, you will have to do it yourself. After removing the cap from the Xyrem bottle, set the bottle upright on a tabletop.
- While holding the Xyrem bottle in its upright position, insert the press-in-bottle-adaptor into the neck of the Xyrem bottle. See Figure C.
• Tilt the straw toward the edge of the bottom of the bottle to be sure you can draw out your dose of the medicine. You only need to do this the first time you open the bottle. See Figure D.

![Figure D](image)

• After you draw out your dose of the medicine, leave the adaptor in the bottle for all your future uses. See Figure E.

![Figure E](image)
Step 4.
- Take the syringe out of the plastic wrapper. Use only the syringe provided with your Xyrem prescription.
- While holding the Xyrem bottle upright on the tabletop, insert the tip of the syringe into the opening on top of the Xyrem bottle and press down firmly. See Figure F.

![Figure F](image)

Step 5.
- Hold the bottle and syringe down with one hand, and draw up one-half (1/2) of your total prescribed nightly dose with the other hand by pulling up on the plunger. For example, if your total nightly dose of Xyrem is 4.5 grams a night, you will need to draw up 2 separate doses of 2.25 grams each, one for each pharmacy container. See Figure G.

**Note:** The Xyrem medicine will not flow into the syringe unless you keep the bottle upright.

![Figure G](image)
Step 6.
- After you draw up each separate Xyrem dose, remove the syringe from the opening of the Xyrem bottle. Put the tip into 1 of the empty containers with child-resistant caps provided by the pharmacy.
- **Make sure the pharmacy container is empty and does not contain any medicine from your previous night’s dose.**
  - Empty each separate Xyrem dose into 1 of the empty pharmacy containers by pushing down on the plunger. (See Figure H).
- Using a measuring cup, pour about ¼ cup of water into each container. **Be careful to add only water to each container and not more Xyrem. All shipped bottles of Xyrem contain the concentrated medicine. Water for mixing the medicine is not provided in the shipment.**

![Figure H](image)

Step 7.
- Place the child-resistant caps provided on the filled pharmacy containers and turn each cap clockwise (to the right) until it clicks and locks into its child-resistant position. See Figure I.

![Figure I](image)
• Put the cap back on the Xyrem bottle and store it in a safe and secure place. Store in a locked place if needed. Keep Xyrem out of the reach of children and pets.
• Rinse the syringe out with water and squirt the liquid into the sink drain.

Step 8.
• At bedtime, and before you take your first Xyrem dose, put your second Xyrem dose in a safe place near your bed.
• You may want to set an alarm clock to make sure you wake up to take the second dose.
• When it is time to take your first Xyrem dose, remove the cap from the container by pressing down on the child-resistant locking tab and turning the cap counterclockwise (to the left).
• Drink all of your first Xyrem dose at bedtime. Put the cap back on the first container before lying down to sleep.
• You should fall asleep soon. Some patients fall asleep within 5 minutes and most fall asleep within 15 minutes. Some patients take less time to fall asleep, and some take more time. The time it takes you to fall asleep might be different from night to night.

Step 9.
• When you wake up 2½ to 4 hours later, take the cap off the second pharmacy container.

• If you wake up before the alarm and it has been at least 2½ hours since your first Xyrem dose, turn off your alarm and take your second Xyrem dose.

• While sitting in bed, drink all of the second Xyrem dose and put the cap back on the second pharmacy container before lying down to continue sleeping.

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