

# KNOW THE RISKS

Prescription narcotics pose significant health risks beyond addiction

**Mind and mood changes:**  
Changes in emotions  
Diminished judgment and self-control  
Increased aggressive behavior

Chronic dry mouth and tooth decay

Impaired breathing, low oxygen

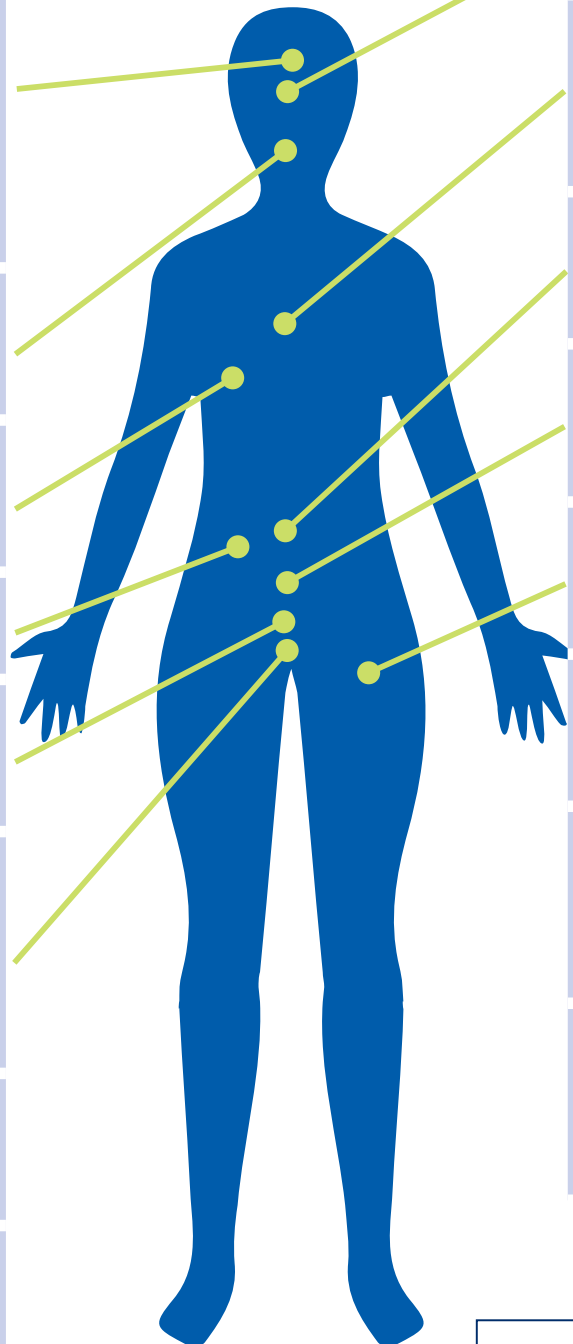
Fatigue

Sexual problems

Birth defects and neonatal withdrawal syndrome

Increased pain sensitivity

Addiction and physical dependency



Disturbed sleep

Increased risk for stroke and heart attack

Chronic constipation

Hormone problems  
Feminization in males

Greater risk of osteoporosis

Unintentional overdose and death

Increased risk of falls and car accidents

Dangerous interactions with other medicines

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