

Percocet Addiction Signs

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Percocet is a brand name for a frequently prescribed painkilling drug. It consists of a combination of oxycodone (an opioid) and acetaminophen (an analgesic) accessible in various over-the-counter pain medications. Opioids are highly addictive. The National Institute of Health reports that around 3,000,000 people in the U.S. have had opioid addiction or are currently struggling with it. The [best treatment for Percocet addiction](#) involves methods including pharmaceutical support, especially during medical detox, data-supported therapeutic models, and adequate relapse prevention programs.

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What is Percocet?

Percocet is a powerful drug frequently prescribed to patients experiencing extreme temporary pain after surgery or a traumatic injury. Percocet is also prescribed for some patients who suffer from intense chronic pain. The drug's pain-relief effects typically last

up to five hours, depending on the dosages. Percocet contains the semi-synthetic opiate oxycodone and acetaminophen, the active ingredient in popular non-prescription painkillers such as Midol, Excedrin, Tylenol, NyQuil, and others.

Percocet Abuse

Percocet is a very popular drug for recreational purposes, abused to obtain its narcotic effects of deep relaxation, stress relief, decreased anxiety, and a sense of euphoria. The high feeling from Percocet is similar to the experience of Heroin use. Many users perceive Percocet as a safer alternative to Heroin because it is a legal substance available through a prescription.

Is Percocet addictive? Yes, Percocet abuse can be expected to lead to addiction. Attempting to stop using the drug after a dependency develops will likely trigger withdrawal symptoms requiring medical assistance for safe detoxification.

Methods of Percocet Abuse

The ways Percocet tablets are consumed to obtain a high effect include crushing and snorting the drug, smoking the crushed pills, or dissolving the powder of the crushed pills and injecting it. These methods of using Percocet are effective ways to cause the full drug dose to enter the bloodstream most rapidly, delivering a strong high sensation. This increases the user's risk of consuming a fatal overdose.

As an opiate drug, Percocet puts users at high risk of developing a tolerance for the substance and ultimately dependency on it. Percocet is typically prescribed for only short-term use. So, people who become addicted to Percocet may turn to illegal actions to continue acquiring the drug. Addiction to Percocet often leads people with this SUD to hazardous behaviors, such as:

- Acting with lowered inhibitions
- Acting with reduced control over impulses
- High-risk conduct
- Using false prescriptions
- Searching for drug dealers
- Obtaining the drug from multiple doctors
- Stealing

Percocet Addiction Symptoms

Percocet consists, in a large part, of oxycodone, the abuse of which comes with numerous possible side effects. Common physical side effects of Percocet abuse include:

Headache	Dilated pupils
Fatigue	Yawning
Irritability	Runny nose
Anxiety	Irregular heart rate
Dizziness	Eyes tearing
Abdominal pain	Difficulties sleeping
Diarrhea	Memory loss
Chills	Depression
Increased blood pressure	Muscle aches

Why is Percocet Addictive?

The journal *Physiological Reviews* explains that abusing an opioid drug can affect the reward sensation processing parts of the midbrain. Percocet, like other opioids, is used medically to alter the brain's chemical paths involved in pain sensation. Dopamine, a neurotransmitter in the brain, sends signals responsible for feelings of pleasure. When Percocet fills the brain's opioid receptors, this can prompt dopamine levels to surge, causing a euphoric rush. That can cause physical, emotional, and behavioral effects, resulting in recreational drug abuse becoming compulsive use and potentially addiction.

Renaissance Ranch Percocet Addiction Treatment

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) asserts that the most beneficial opioid addiction treatment includes medications, attention to co-occurring mental or medical disorders, behavioral interventions, and overdose prevention. The focus is on helping people in opioid addiction recovery learn to use new stress management and coping skills, improve self-esteem, and become more confident and self-reliant.

At Renaissance Ranch, Ogden, UT, our comprehensive Percocet addiction treatment programs feature:

Detox	Detox from Percocet can involve intense physical reactions. Medical detox is strongly recommended, to provide mental health medical support and monitoring around the clock through the detox process. Medications such as Buprenorphine and Clonidine, and/or other drugs providing various benefits may be used during detox.
SUD Therapy	Clients continue with one of these highly-effective forms of outpatient treatment for Substance Use Disorder (SUD): <i>Intensive Outpatient:</i> These programs typically feature a treatment routine similar to a residential program, but the client goes home each night. <i>Outpatient Treatment:</i> Clients continue with group, <u>family</u> , and individual sessions to work on building healthy skills in communication, coping with stress, managing triggers, and others. Attendance is scheduled around work, school, and family commitments.
Relapse Prevention	Extended support helps empower people to take control of their health and manage their daily lives successfully over the long term.

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Our Percocet addiction outpatient treatment at [Renaissance Ranch, Ogden, Utah](#) is provided by addiction recovery specialists, MDs, and licensed rehab professionals. Each client's addiction recovery program is tailored for his or her personal needs and therapy goals.

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