

can precipitate withdrawal symptoms in patients dependent on other opioids, due to its agonist and antagonist properties. It is a weak analgesic in its oral form, but in injectable form it is stronger than codeine or dihydrocodeine.

Hallucinations, delusions and agitation can occur at higher doses.

The haemodynamic effects of pentazocine make it unsuitable for use in myocardial infarction.

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