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What is OROS and How Does it Work?
- It is a controlled release delivery system for medication
- Consists of a layered rigid tablet permeable to water with a small hole
- Water enters tablet from the body
- This forces medication out through the small hole
- Osmotic pressure acts as a pump

OROS Advantages
- Single Tablet Dosage
- Extended Release
- More Consistent Blood Plasma Concentration
- Lower Abuse & Addiction Potential
- Near Constant Medication Delivery
- Independent of pH and/or food

Examples of OROS Medications
- Concerta (methylphenidate)
  - ADHD control
  - Longer duration of control
  - Less addictive
  - Fewer side effects
  - Safer for adults
- Paliperidone
  - Schizophrenia control
  - Increased number of episode free days
  - Lower cost of patient care
- OROS Hydromorphone HCl
  - Chronic pain management
  - Better dose control
  - Less need for more powerful medications
  - Lower overdose potential
  - Fewer negative side effects
- Metform HCl
  - Diabetes control
  - Better regulation of blood sugar

The Future of OROS
- Antibiotics
- Cancer treatment
- Any medication where an extended controlled release would be beneficial

Conclusion
OROS use has been shown to have significant advantages over conventional forms of medication delivery. The application of this technology will continue to have many benefits well into the future. Using OROS technology allows for a controlled extended release of a specific medication in changing environments with a lower abuse potential and better overall treatment of medical conditions. The potential for this technology in the near future shows great promise. As the benefits of OROS technology continue to be seen in new formulations, the technology will become integral to the medical community.

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