

# St Matthews Community Pharmacy

Open Mon to Fri 9 am – 6 pm & Sat 10 am – 3 pm

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## Vivitrol® Quick Facts

- Vivitrol® is an injectable dosage form of naltrexone, an opioid antagonist or “blocker” indicated for the prevention of opioid relapse and alcohol dependence in conjunction with psychosocial support.
- Vivitrol® is administered intramuscularly every 28 days into alternating sides of the gluteus.
- Vivitrol® is **contraindicated** in patients receiving opioids, those physiologically dependent on opioids, acute opioid withdrawal, or any previous hypersensitivity.
  - Examples of opioids include, but are not limited to: buprenorphine, codeine, heroin, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, methadone, morphine, oxycodone
- You must be **opioid-free for at least 7-10 days** before your first injection, confirmed by a urine drug screen, to decrease the risk of causing serious withdrawal. A longer time frame is necessary if you have been receiving buprenorphine-containing products (Suboxone®, Zubsolv®, Subutex).
- Since Vivitrol® blocks the opioid receptors, effects of opioids cannot be experienced after administration of the drug. It is crucial to not attempt to overcome the opioid blockade, as this could result in serious health consequences, such as coma or death.
- If you decide to discontinue treatment with Vivitrol®, be aware that you may be more sensitive to the effects of opioids, even at low doses. Be cautious of the risks of accidental overdose due to possible increased sensitivity.
- Injection-site reactions such as pain, tenderness, swelling, redness, bruising or itching may occur. Please let us know if you experience any concerning injection site reactions.