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# Propoxyphene Napsylate

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National Cancer Institute. *Propoxyphene Napsylate*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C29386.

A synthetic diphenyl propionate derivative structurally related to methadone, Propoxyphene Napsylate acts as a central narcotic and analgesic agent by interaction with mu opioid receptors, but with less selectivity than morphine. The dextro-isomer has analgesic effect, while the levo-isomer exerts an antitussive effect. The napsylate salt allows better dosage formulation than the hydrochloride salt. (NCI04)