

ENNERDALE PALLIATIVE CARE UNIT OXYCODONE INFORMATION LEAFLET

Dear

Your patient has been discharged home on OXYCODONE MR (OXYCONTIN).

This is a strong opioid which is occasionally used as an alternative to Morphine. The range of side effects are similar, constipation is the commonest. Like Morphine it comes in slow release (12 hourly) and immediate release (4 hourly) formulations. The range of tablet strengths and Morphine equivalents are tabulated overleaf.

Your patient is currently on Oxycodone MR 12 hourly (Oxycontin).

If they have breakthrough pain they can take:

Oxycodone IR (Oxynorm)

The dose of Oxycodone MR can be titrated up in 30-50% increments (as with MST).

The dose of Oxycodone IR is approximately 1/6 of the total daily dose (as with Oramorph).

If you have any queries please phone:

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MORPHINE		OXYCODONE	
MST 12 hourly	ORAMORPH for breakthrough	OXYCODONE MR 12 hourly	OXYCODONE IR for breakthrough
20mg	5mg	10mg	5mg
40mg	10mg	20mg	5mg
80mg	30mg	40mg	15mg
160mg	60mg	80mg	30mg
		MR capsules available as 10mg, 20mg, 40mg 80mg strengths	IR capsules available as 5mg, 10mg, 20mg strengths