

Palliativedrugs.com preferred conversion ratios

Dose conversion ratios vary between patients and monitoring during conversion is required to avoid insufficient or excessive dosing.

Oral morphine 3mg	Parenteral morphine 1.5mg	Parenteral diamorphine 1mg
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Oral morphine 1.5mg	Oral oxycodone 1mg
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Oral oxycodone 1.5mg	Parenteral oxycodone 1mg
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Parenteral morphine 1.5mg	Parenteral oxycodone 1.5mg	Parenteral diamorphine 1mg
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Note:

1. Conversion ratios for oxycodone differ from the manufacturer's SPC. For rationale see January/February 2005 newsletter.
2. Morphine sulphate and tartrate compatibility charts can be found in Appendix 11 of the PCF2 book. They can also be found on the palliativedrugs.com website; log on → enter formulary → appendices → syringe driver compatibility charts → select the chart you want from:
 - **Chart 1.** Syringe driver compatibility chart for diamorphine and alfentanil: combination of *two* drugs
 - **Chart 2.** Syringe driver compatibility chart for diamorphine and alfentanil: combination of *three* drugs
 - **Chart 3.** Syringe driver compatibility chart for morphine sulphate and tartrate: combination of *two* drugs
 - **Chart 4.** Syringe driver compatibility chart for morphine sulphate: combination of *three* drugs
 - **Chart 5.** Syringe driver compatibility chart for morphine tartrate: combination of *three* drugs.

Print by *right clicking* on the chart and selecting the print option. The charts can also be printed from the PCF2 CD-ROM by following the instructions on the CD-ROM.

Our latest oxycodone compatibility tables can be downloaded from the survey results section of the September 2004 newsletter.

Please keep checking the bulletin board on the website for more information relating to the diamorphine shortage.