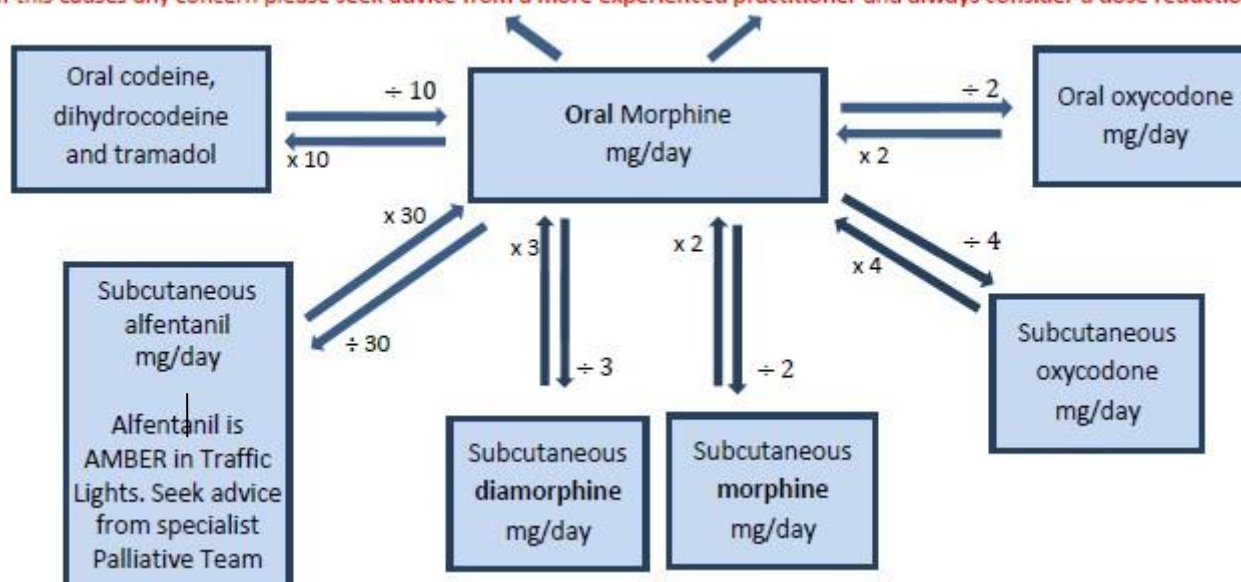


## OPIOID DOSE CONVERSION

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fentanyl patches – change every 3 days</b></p> <p>Morphine 30mg daily = fentanyl '12' patch</p> <p>Morphine 60mg daily = fentanyl '25' patch</p> <p>Morphine 120mg daily = fentanyl '50' patch</p> <p>Morphine 180mg daily = fentanyl '75' patch</p> <p>Morphine 240mg daily = fentanyl '100' patch</p>	<p><b>Buprenorphine: 7 day patch (eg Butec, Reletrans, Butrans)</b></p> <p>Morphine 12mg daily = 5 microgram per hour patch</p> <p>Morphine 24mg daily = 10 microgram per hour patch</p> <p>Morphine 36 mg daily = 15 microgram per hour patch</p> <p>Morphine 48mg daily = 20 microgram per hour patch</p> <hr/> <p><b>Buprenorphine: 4 day patch (eg Transtec®, Relevtac) and 3 day patch (eg Hapoctasin)</b></p> <p>Morphine 84 mg daily = 35 microgram per hour patch</p> <p>Morphine 126 mg daily = 52.5 microgram per hour patch</p> <p>Morphine 168 mg daily = 70 microgram per hour patch</p>
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We are aware BNF dose conversions from morphine to oxycodone now differ slightly from those printed below. If this causes any concern please seek advice from a more experienced practitioner and always consider a dose reduction



**Note:**

- These conversions are a guide only
- Morphine equivalences for traditional preparations are approximated to allow comparison with available preparations of oral morphine
- The PRN dose of opioid is 1/6 of the 24 hour total opioid dose. PRN doses are usually given every 4 hours.
- If a patient already has a patch, and needs a syringe pump, the patch should be continued and changed as normal. Any additional opioids should be administered and titrated in a syringe pump.

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[Palliative Care Handbook 9th Edition | Resources | End Of Life \(eolcare.uk\)](#)

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