

**ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE, CHICHESTER,
Clinical guideline No 23**

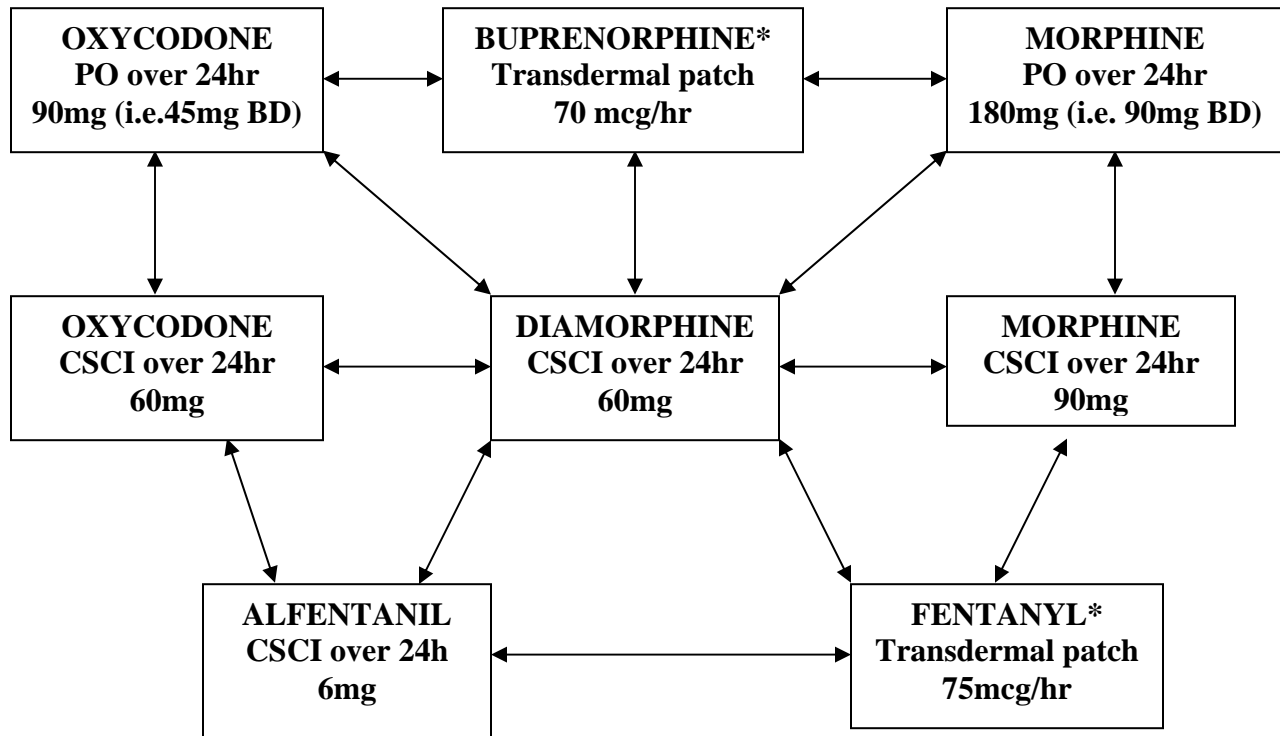
OPIOID CONVERSION RATIOS

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N.B. All conversions are approximate and should be titrated for individual patients.



*Converting **from** transdermal patches, consider using half the recommended dose for the first 24hrs after removing the patch to prevent overdose whilst the reservoir depletes.

Breakthrough doses for patients on transdermal (TD) fentanyl:

(For breakthrough doses of other opioids, use the chart above to calculate)

TD fentanyl (micrograms/hr)	oral morphine (mg)	s.c. morphine (mg)	s.c. diamorphine (mg)
12	5	2.5	2
25	10	5	3
50	20	10	7
75	30	15	10
100	40	20	15