

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

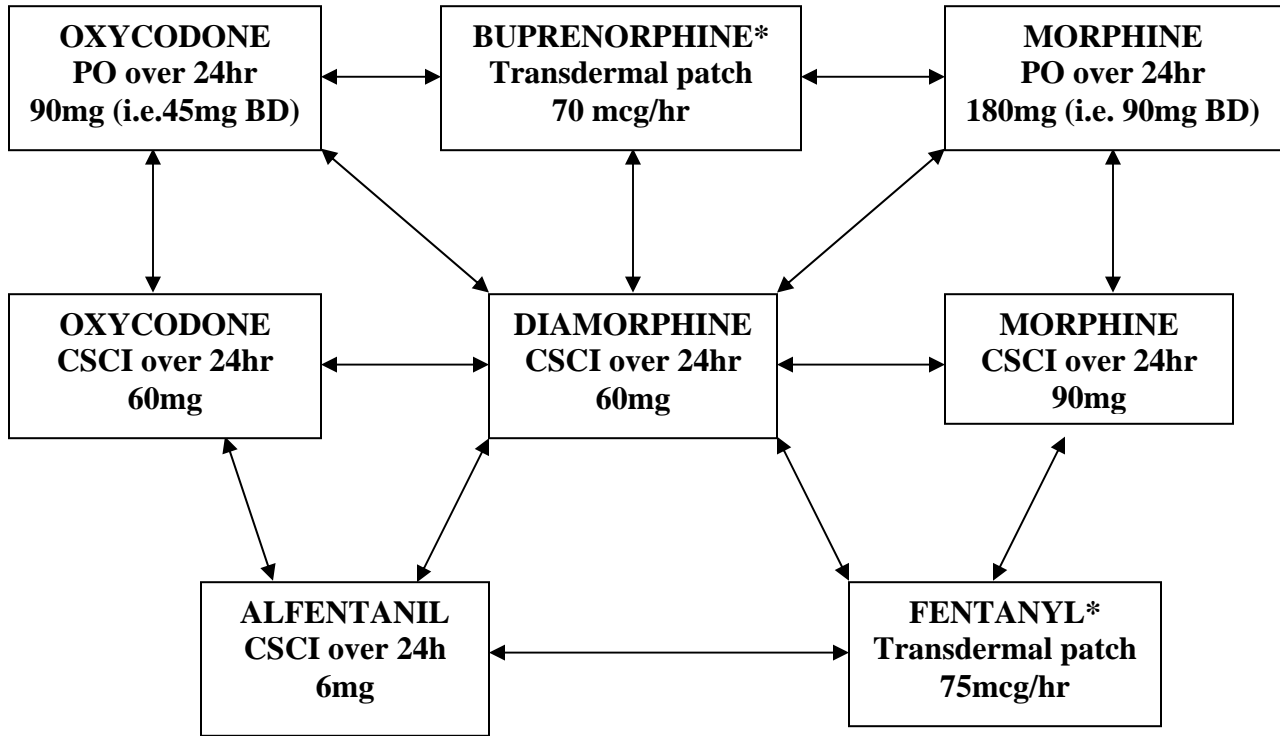
**OPIOID CONVERSION RATIOS**

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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