



## Pearls January 2004

Best Wishes to All from the Palliative Medicine Program 2004

By popular request, we will start the year with a quick review of equivalencies of the commonly used opiates. Below is a quick reference – it includes everything you need to know to enable you to do most conversions. It is laid out in a format that you can print, cut, fold on dotted line, and laminate and have a pocket reference.

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DURAGESIC PATCH CONVERSION				
Breakthrough Morphine Dosage (mg/prn)	Oral Morphine (mg/day)	Duragesic (µg/hr)	Oral Dilaudid (mg/day)	Breakthrough Hydromorphone (mg/prn)
45	45		11.1	
10	90	25	22.5	2
	135		34.0	
20	180	50	45.0	4
	225		56.0	
30	270	75	67.5	6
	315		79.0	
40	360	100	90	8
	404		101	

PO/PR	SQ/IV
morphine 10mg	5mg
codeine 100mg	Not available
hydromorphone 2mg	1mg
1 oxycocet has oxycodone 5mg	Not available

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