

MORPHINE-HDU GUIDELINE

Form:	60mg per 1ml ampoule as Morphine Sulphate
Dose:	Morphine is usually prescribed as ' mg/hour ' for adults when given by continuous infusion. The usual dose range is 5-35mg/hr, titrated to desired effect.
Reconstitution:	<u>Single strength: (CITU)</u> Dilute 60mg (one ampoule) to 60ml with compatible fluid to form a 1mg/ml solution. <u>Double strength: (GITU)</u> Dilute 120mg (two ampoules) to 60ml with compatible fluid to form a 2mg/ml solution.
Method:	IV Infusion: Administer using a syringe driver to control the rate of infusion. Titrate dose to desired effect.
Compatibility & Stability:	Sodium chloride 0.9% Glucose 5% Diluted solutions are stable for 24 hours.
Special Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Patients taking opiates chronically may become tolerant and may require higher doses.2. Elderly or frail patients may require lower doses, as may patients with renal impairment, as morphine will accumulate in renal dysfunction.3. For bolus administration guidelines, please see regular IV guidelines administration document.4. This is a controlled drug.