Oral Morphine
Oral Oxycodone
Parenteral Oxycodone
Parenteral Morphine
Parenteral Alfentanil

Tramadol
Codeine
Dihydrocodeine

×10
÷10

×2
÷2

×30
÷30

÷3
×3

÷30
×30

Hydromorphone

Conversions are complex.
1.3mg oral hydromorphone is equivalent to 10mg oral morphine.
Please seek advice.

Depending on age, comorbidities and prior side effects, consider reducing the dose of the new opioid by up to 33-50% when converting between strong opioids.
Key points

- Morphine remains first-line opioid of choice
  Exceptions: eGFR<30 or formal allergy

- Alfentanil (parenterally) or Fentanyl (transdermally) are the gold-standard opioid if eGFR<30 as least likely to accumulate and cause toxicity

**TRANSDERMAL PATCHES:**
- Doses received via transdermal patches are more variable conversions given are for the lowest guaranteed dose

- Patches are NOT recommended in the context of unstable pain

- At end of life – see palliative care guidelines on intranet for use of transdermal patches or contact the out of hours service via switch