



Morphine

Other names: Oramorph®, Sendolor®.

What is it and how does it work?

An opioid, a strong drug, that is given to treat pain.

What does it look like and how is it given?

- A tablet or solution that is taken by mouth (oral).
- A suppository that is given via the anus (rectal).
- A clear liquid that is administered as an infusion into a vein (intravenous).

Side effects

- Abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting
- Constipation
- Dry mouth
- Drowsiness, sleepiness, dizziness
- Reduced responsiveness, concentration, and coordination
- Difficulty breathing
- Difficulty urinating
- Itching

Special instructions

- If your child vomits within 30 minutes after taking the medicine, please check prinsesmaximacentrum.nl/regimens

under the heading 'Medicine' to see what you should do.

- It is important that this medicine is taken according to the schedule.
- Please contact your treating doctor if your child's breathing becomes very slow and shallow.

Specifics

- Morphine is often combined with another painkiller, such as acetaminophen.
- Your child will be given a fast-acting pain-killer for breakthrough pain (pain that occurs suddenly, despite the maintenance medication).
- It may be necessary to adjust your child's diet, or to administer a laxative.
- Morphine used as a pain-killer is not addictive.