

# ORAL MORPHINE

## PATIENT INFORMATION GUIDE



Never give your medicine to others even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

### WHY HAVE WE GIVEN YOU THIS GUIDE?

- This contains information for you use when taking morphine tablets, capsules or liquid
- Morphine is used for the relief of severe pain
- Morphine can cause **serious side effects**, so it is important you know how to take it safely
- Talk to your doctor, pharmacist (chemist) or nurse if you have any questions

### THINGS YOU CAN DO TO TAKE MORPHINE SAFELY

- Talk to your doctor or pharmacist (chemist) if you are worried about any side effects
- Morphine causes nausea and constipation; ask your doctor or pharmacist how to manage these side effects
- If morphine makes you dizzy or drowsy, **do not drive or operate machinery**

### ▶ MORPHINE CAN BE HARMFUL

Always store morphine out of reach and out of sight of children

Serious side effects can occur if you take too much morphine, or if it is taken accidentally

- ▶ **Let your doctor or pharmacist (chemist) know immediately if you:**
  - Have problems breathing or are feeling drowsy
  - Have an accident involving a head injury
  - Are worried that you may have taken too many doses
- ▶ **Tell your doctor or pharmacist (chemist) about all of the medicines you are taking**
  - Morphine can be harmful when taken with **some** other medicines, especially other types of pain relief
  - Ask your doctor or pharmacist to check the other medicines you are taking
  - Let your doctor know if you are also taking herbal medicines, vitamins or supplements.
- ▶ **Alcohol and morphine**
  - Do not drink alcohol while you are taking morphine
- ▶ **Pregnancy and Breastfeeding**
  - Let your doctor know if you are pregnant or breastfeeding
  - Morphine is generally not recommended if you are pregnant
- ▶ **Do not take any more doses than your doctor has asked you to**
  - Talk to your doctor if you think your medicine is not working; high doses can be harmful
  - If you have any medicine left over, return it to your pharmacy for safe disposal