



**Morphine  
Oral Solution  
10mg/5mL**

## Introduction

You have been prescribed a pain-killer called morphine to help control your pain. Please read this leaflet along with any information produced by the manufacturer contained in the medicine box.

### Important information:

- ❖ Do not take more than the dose written on the label.
- ❖ Always take the medicine from a medicine spoon or oral syringe so you don't accidentally take too much or too little.
- ❖ Avoid alcohol whilst taking this medicine.
- ❖ Do not give this medicine to anyone else.
- ❖ Do not take the medicine for longer than prescribed by the doctor.
- ❖ Morphine can make you drowsy. If you are taking other medicines that make you feel drowsy, be aware that you may feel even drowsier. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns.
- ❖ If you accidentally take too much medicine at one time or in total over 24 hours, contact your doctor or local hospital.
- ❖ Once you have finished taking this medicine please dispose of it safely by taking it to your local pharmacy for disposal.

## Taking your medicine

Always follow the doctor's instructions carefully. Directions on how to take your morphine are written on the pharmacy label attached your medicine. If you do not understand any part of the instructions, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

### Possible side effects

- ❖ Like all medicines, morphine can occasionally cause side effects particularly when the medicine is first started.
- ❖ The most common side effects are feeling or being sick, constipation or drowsiness. If you experience any of these side effects and they become persistent or troublesome talk to your doctor.
- ❖ If the medicine causes a severe allergy then stop taking it and get medical attention **immediately**. Symptoms of a severe allergy might include: skin rash, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat and difficulty in swallowing or breathing.

### Who to contact

If you have worries or concerns, please contact either:

- ❖ Your GP
- ❖ Your pharmacist
- ❖ NHS 111 ☎ **Tel. 111**
- ❖ Medicines Helpline, Torbay Hospital  
☎ **Tel (01803) 655304** (9am – 5pm weekdays only)