

**Maximum Daily Recommended Oral Doses of Opioids
(200mg MED) (For chronic, non-cancer pain)**

Table for 200 mg MED requirement

Drug (Generic Name)	Morphine Equivalent Dose	Quantity requiring PA (note, dose limit applies to combination of short- and long-acting medications)
Morphine (PO)	30 mg	MSIR: >120 tablets/30 days MSER: >100 mg bid, or >60 mg tid
Codeine (PO)	200 mg	>120 tablets/30 days
Fentanyl Transdermal	See chart	PA required for all doses High dose: >75 mcg every 3 days
Hydrocodone (PO)	30 mg	> 120 tablets/30 days
Hydromorphone (PO)	7.5 mg	> 120 tablets/30 days
Methadone (PO)	7.5 mg	High dose ¹ : > 50 mg per day (NOT equivalent to 400mg; see footnote) 5 mg: > 300 tablets/30 days 10 mg: > 150 tablets/30 days
Oxycodone (PO)	20 mg	Oxycodone IR: >120/30d Oxycodone ER: all doses require PA High-dose: >40 mg tid or 60 mg bid
Oxymorphone (PO)	10 mg	>6 10 mg tablets daily

Table for 400 mg MED

Drug (Generic Name)	Morphine Equivalent Dose	Quantity requiring PA (note, dose limit applies to combination of short- and long-acting medications)
Morphine (PO)	30 mg	MSIR: >120 tablets/30 days MSER: >200 mg bid
Codeine (PO)	200 mg	>120 tablets/30 days
Fentanyl Transdermal	See chart	PA required for all doses High dose: >150 mcg every 3 days
Hydrocodone (PO)	30 mg	>120 tablets/30 days
Hydromorphone (PO)	7.5 mg	> 120 tablets/30 days
Methadone (PO)	7.5 mg	High dose: > 100 mg per day (NOT equivalent to 400mg; see footnote) 10 mg: > 300 tablets/30 days
Oxycodone (PO)	20 mg	Oxycodone IR: >120/30d Oxycodone ER: all doses require PA High-dose: >80 mg tid
Oxymorphone (PO)	10 mg	>6 10 mg tablets daily

Source: <http://www.globalrph.com/opioidconverter2.htm>

Other MED calculators:

<http://www.globalrph.com/narcotic.cgi>

¹ Methadone doses are NOT equivalent to morphine doses in this table; they only reflect the upper limit requiring PA review, based on recommendations from local experts about a reasonable starting place for weaning goals.