

MORPHINE SULFATE ORAL SOLUTION (ROXANOL)

Keep this and all medication out of the reach of children.

DOSE: _____

USES

- Pain
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Agitation/Anxiety/Restlessness

HOW TO

- Medication is given by mouth with an oral syringe. If patient cannot swallow, medication will dissolve in the mouth.
- May be given with anxiety medication to help control symptoms.
- Your hospice nurse will assess the effectiveness of medication at each visit.
- Your hospice nurse will discuss goals and expectations for symptom management during visits.

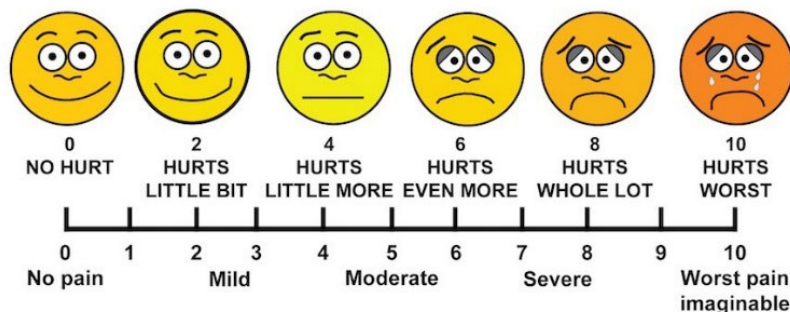
GOAL OF MEDICATION

- Patient should report a decrease in symptoms within 15-30 minutes of giving medication.
- If patient is unable to communicate:
 - Patient will appear to be breathing more comfortably.
 - Moaning, grunting, and signs of restlessness should be less frequent.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Patient may sleep more when first starting medication.
- Patient may have increased dizziness when first starting medication.
- Patient may have mild symptoms of nausea.
- Patient may have an increase in constipation. Your hospice nurse may start medication for constipation.

PAIN MEASUREMENT SCALE



Remember there is a Hospice of West Alabama nurse available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to help you manage your symptoms.