

# Morphine sulfate

(sold under nearly a hundred trade names) is an [opioid](#) analgesic drug, and the main psychoactive chemical in opium. In clinical medicine, morphine is regarded as the gold standard in management of severe pain. Like other opioids, such as oxycodone, hydromorphone, and heroin, morphine acts directly on the central nervous system (CNS) to relieve pain.

Remains the most valuable option of the stronger opioids for the management of severe pain, although nausea and vomiting are frequent adverse effects. It causes feelings of detachment and euphoria, which are very useful in the management of anxiety in palliative care. A Cochrane review concluded that it should be considered first-line for moderate to severe cancer pain.

This medication is used to help relieve moderate to severe pain. [Morphine](#) belongs to a class of drugs known as [opioid](#) (narcotic) [analgesics](#). It works in the brain to change how your body feels and responds to pain.

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