

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine

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Safety Alerts: Oramorph



5 of the 16 <u>NEVER EVENTS</u> reported in ED over the past 2 years involve the IV administration of <u>ORAMORPH</u>

Actions to mitigate the risk

- ONLY USE ORAL SYRINGES TO DRAW UP ORAL MEDICATIONS (this is the main mitigation) these do NOT FIT onto IV cannulas
 - Only prescribe <u>one route</u> of administration
 - Keep oral syringes near to storage of oral medications
 - The person who prepares the drug should administer it



http://www.nrls.npsa.nhs.uk/resources/?entryid45=59808



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