

**PainTrainUK survey of
Diamorphine shortage.
For consultant anaesthet-
ist**

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How has the anaesthetic workforce re-
sponded to the national diamorphine
shortage in the management of non-ob-
stetric peri-operative pain?

* Required

Questions for individual consultant anaesthetists.

This survey focuses on the use of diamorphine in a non-obstetric setting

1. What is the name of hospital where you are working ? *

2. What is the region of UK is this? *

North East and Yorkshire

North West

Midlands

East of England

London

South East

South West

Scotland

Northern Ireland

Wales

3. What type of hospital you work at?

- Teaching hospital
- Trauma centre
- District general hospital
- Day case Centre
- Other

4. In which anaesthetic subspecialities did you routinely use intrathecal diamorphine before the diamorphine shortage?

- General
- Paediatrics
- Obstetrics
- Vascular
- Orthopaedics / Trauma
- Neurosurgery
- Cardiothoracic surgery
- Other

5. Have you changed your anaesthetic practice due to recent diamorphine shortages?

Yes

No

6. How has this practice changed? Please select all that apply

Voluntarily reduced use of diamorphine to help preserve limited stock

Required to change practice due to formal departmental policy

Forced to change practice as no available stock

Other

7. What changes have you made to your intrathecal practice as a consequence of the diamorphine shortage ?

Intrathecal morphine

intrathecal fentanyl

Other intrathecal opioids - please name below

Local Anaesthetic without opioids

Stopped intrathecal analgesia

Other

8. If diamorphine stocks improve, will you return to your previous practice?

Yes

No

Maybe

9. If you stopped using intrathecal analgesia what was the reason for this:

Unfamiliarity with alternative intrathecal opioids

Lack of departmental policy

Lack of national guidance

Lack of evidence

Patient safety concerns / Lack of adequate postoperative care facilities

Other

10. Has there been a change in local policy in the postoperative destination of patients?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify

11. What change in local policy in the postoperative destination of patients?

- Extended stay in recovery
- Increased admissions to high dependency areas
- Specific surgical wards with trained staff
- Other

12. Did you use intrathecal morphine in your personal anaesthetic practice prior to the Diamorphine shortage?

- Yes
- No,
- Other

13. Would you like to know the result of this survey? Please write your email below if yes

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