PainTrainUK survey of Diamorphine shortage. For consultant anaesthetist

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How has the anaesthetic workforce responded to the national diamorphine shortage in the management of non-obstetric peri-operative pain?

* Required

Questions for individual consultant anaesthetists.

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

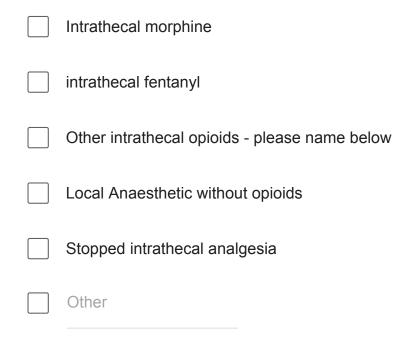
- 1. What is the name of hospital where you are working ? *
- 2. What is the region of UK is this? *
 - North East and Yorkshire
 - North West
 - Midlands
 - East of England
 - C London
 - South East
 - South West
 - Scotland
 - Northern Ireland
 - 🔵 Wales

| Teaching hospital |
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| 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 |
| \square | 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 ?



- 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:
 - O 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?
 - YesNo
 - 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?

| \bigcirc | Yes | |
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| \bigcirc | No, | |
| \bigcirc | Other | |

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

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