

## **HIGH RISK MEDICINE: OXYCODONE**

The High Risk Medicines Working Party of the Victorian Medicines Advisory Committee has recommended that an alert on oxycodone be distributed to all persons involved in medication management. It highlights that the number of different oxycodone strengths and product formulations means that the likelihood of error is high. In particular Oxycontin® were confused, as well as errors with MS Contin®.

A useful chart outlining the different morphine and oxycodone products is available, and would be particularly useful for those responsible for medication management in aged care facilities.

The chart and other information can be obtained from [www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/pdf/oxycodone\\_revised\\_07\\_05\\_08.pdf](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/quality/sabs/pdf/oxycodone_revised_07_05_08.pdf)  
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