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# METHADONE



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**HIGH RISK Medication** 

**Schedule 8 Medication**

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| <b>Presentation</b>            | Tablet: 10mg<br>Vial: 10mg/mL<br>Oral Liquid: 5mg/mL (Biodone Forte®)<br>Oral Syrup: 5mg/mL (Aspen®)   |
| <b>Dose</b>                    | Refer to relevant <b>KEMH Clinical Guidelines</b> for appropriate dose regimes (links below)   |
| <b>Administration</b>          | <b><u>Oral</u></b><br>Can be given with or without food<br><br><b><u>IV injection</u></b><br>Suitable<br><br><b><u>IM injection</u></b><br>Inject into a large muscle<br><br><b><u>Subcut injection</u></b><br>Suitable in palliative care patients as an intermittent injection or as a continuous subcutaneous injection. May cause irritation at infusion site. |
| <b>Pregnancy</b>               | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Trimester:</b> Considered safe to use<br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester:</b> Considered safe to use<br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester:</b> Considered safe to use  |
| <b>Breastfeeding</b>           | Considered safe to use   |
| <b>Monitoring</b>              | Sedation, respiratory rate   |
| <b>Clinical Guidelines and</b> | <a href="#">Palliative Care</a><br><a href="#">Management of Community Programme for Opioid Pharmacotherapy</a>  |

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| <b>Policies</b>   | <a href="#">Patients in the Hospital setting</a><br><a href="#">HDWA OD 0598/15 Management of Community Program for Opioid Pharmacotherapy (CPOP) Patients in the Hospital Setting</a><br><a href="#">WANDAS Clinical Practice Guideline</a><br><a href="#">WANDAS webpage</a><br><a href="#">Maternal Medication/Substance Use</a><br><a href="#">Opioid Administration in the Recovery Room</a><br><a href="#">Administration of Medications (Includes Information on Medication Refusal by Patient)</a><br><a href="#">Schedule 8 Controlled Medications Administration</a><br><a href="#">The Checking and the Administration of Intravenous Medications by Medical and Nursing / Midwifery Staff</a> |
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