

# Narcotic Analgesia

*Thank you for choosing to be treated at BNE.*

Your doctor is satisfied that you are well enough to go home. This information sheet will provide you with additional information to assist you with further recovery.

## Side effects

Common side effects you may experience include:

- Drowsiness
- Dizziness
- Nausea with or without vomiting
- Constipation
- Dry mouth.

Due to the side effects you may experience, ideally you should have a responsible person at home with you when you are on this medication.

## If any of the following occur you should phone 000:

- Cold, clammy skin
- Pale or bluish skin colour
- Very small pupils
- Very slow breathing
- Difficulty breathing
- Confusion
- Severe drowsiness or dizziness.

Please call us or return to **BNE** if you have any concerns. Alternatively, your GP has received information regarding your visit to **BNE** and can address any concerns you may have.

## What is narcotic analgesia?

Narcotic analgesia is a medication that relieves severe pain and can only be prescribed from a doctor and supplied by a pharmacist.

The name of the narcotic analgesia prescribed to you is:

## Using narcotic analgesia

During your visit to **Brisbane Northside Emergency** you have been treated with a narcotic analgesic. Your doctor may have also prescribed further analgesia for you to manage your pain at home.

The medication you have been given is not usually habit forming if taken as directed. It is important for you to read this information regarding instructions and possible side effects you may experience.

## Precautions

- Take the medication as directed by your doctor.
- Inform the doctor of any other medication you may be taking including over the counter or herbal medications.
- **Do NOT** drive a car or operate machinery when taking this medication.
- **Do NOT** drink alcohol whilst on this medication.
- **Do NOT** sign important documents whilst on this medication.



**Please come back to see us for your follow-up care and treatment.**

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