

# Randomised controlled trial of intrathecal diamorphine in the treatment of chronic non-malignant pain

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
Not provided at time of registration

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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
N0557115188

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

**Study objectives**

1. Are intrathecal opioids useful in the treatment of severe chronic non-malignant pain?
2. Is therapeutic efficacy dose dependent?
3. Is gradual reduction of intrathecal opioid dose safe?

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Added 07/04/10: Birmingham and Black Country Ethics Committee, Dudley Local Research Ethics Committee 23/2/2002, ref REC/35/02/Jun

**Study design**

Randomised controlled trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Not Specified

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Signs and Symptoms: Pain

**Interventions**

1. Dose of diamorphine reduced every week by 20% of the preceding week's dose for 10 weeks
2. No change in dose of diamorphine for 10 weeks

Patient is blinded to the changes made by computer telemetry.

As of 04/10/2011 this trial has stopped due to an increasing number of patients leaving the study.

**Intervention Type**

Drug

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

diamorphine

**Primary outcome(s)**

1. Analgesic consumption
2. Pain level measured using Visual Analogue Score (VAS)
3. Function measured by Oswestry Disability Score (ODS)
4. Psychological parameters measured by Hospital Anxiety & Depression Score (HAD) and 5. Pain

Coping Strategies Questionnaire (PCSQ)

6. Sociological parameters measured by SF-36

7. Overall assessment of change measured by Global Impression of Change (GIC)

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

Not provided at time of registration

**Completion date**

31/12/2010

**Reason abandoned (if study stopped)**

Participant recruitment issue

## **Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

Added 07/04/10:

Intrathecal pump in situ patient at Russells Hall Hospital

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Key exclusion criteria**

Added 07/04/10:

Patients failing to give consent

**Date of first enrolment**

01/01/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

31/12/2010

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**  
Department of Health (UK)

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**  
Government

**Funder Name**  
The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust (UK)

## Results and Publications

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

**IPD sharing plan summary**  
Not provided at time of registration

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	31/07/2013		Yes	No
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes