



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive



<b>CLINICAL DIRECTIVE 07/2015</b>
<b>FROM: Medical Director</b>
<b>TO: Advanced Paramedics, Station Supervisors, Operations Resource Managers, Operations Performance Managers</b>
<b>SUBJECT: Cessation of use of Oramorph by NAS</b> Effective immediately, NAS will no longer use Oramorph for paediatric analgesia.  Children requiring opioid analgesia should be administered intranasal fentanyl as per Clinical Practice Guideline.
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Intranasal fentanyl since its introduction has proven itself to be effective, safe, well tolerated by patients and used appropriately by APs. Oramorph is less effective in acute settings than fentanyl, and has a longer time of onset of analgesic effect.
<b>EFFECTIVE FROM:</b> September 29th 2015
<b>EFFECTIVE TO:</b> Indefinite
<b>QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS DIRECTIVE:</b> Education and Competency Assurance Officer.