

Medication Ordering – Opioid Naming with respect to Release Profile

Purpose

To provide clinicians with a guide to opioid naming with respect to release profile in Expanse.

Audience

All clinicians that prescribe, verify or administer opioids

Version Control

Version	Date	Author	Changes Made
1.0	16-Nov-2025	Louisa Conlon, Expanse Pharmacy	Initial draft

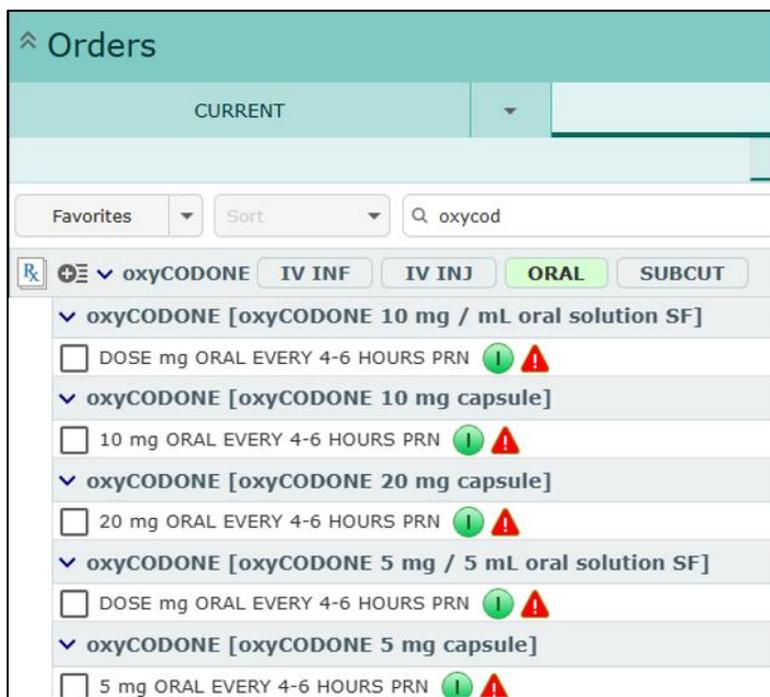
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This guide outlines the rationale for opioid naming with respect to release profile in Expanse

- Part 1: Immediate Release Formulations
- Part 2: Modified Release Formulations

Part 1: Immediate Release Formulations



Immediate release formulation names do NOT contain the words 'immediate release'. This is as per [SNOMED/dm+d](#) international naming convention.

Immediate release formulation products are built at VMPP dm+d level (manufacturer-independent) as per [national recommendations/best practice](#) as they do not have bioavailability differences, release profile variations nor specific device directions.



Start	Medication (Route)	Time	Sat 15 Nov
Stop			
Status			
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16/11/25 19:52	oxyCODONE 10 mg ORAL EVERY 4-6 HOURS PRN Trade: oxyCODONE 10 mg capsule Rx#: HR00000530 M SI		
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Part 2: Modified Release Formulations

Orders

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oxyCODONE IV INF IV INJ ORAL SUBCUT

- oxyCODONE [OxyCONTIN 10 mg MR tablet]
 - 10 mg ORAL EVERY 12 HOURS SCH
- oxyCODONE [OxyCONTIN 15 mg MR tablet]
 - 15 mg ORAL EVERY 12 HOURS SCH
- oxyCODONE [OxyCONTIN 20 mg MR tablet]
 - 20 mg ORAL EVERY 12 HOURS SCH
- oxyCODONE [OxyCONTIN 30 mg MR tablet]
 - 30 mg ORAL EVERY 12 HOURS SCH
- oxyCODONE [OxyCONTIN 40 mg MR tablet]
 - 40 mg ORAL EVERY 12 HOURS SCH
- oxyCODONE [OxyCONTIN 5 mg MR tablet]
 - 5 mg ORAL EVERY 12 HOURS SCH
- oxyCODONE [OxyCONTIN 60 mg MR tablet]
 - 60 mg ORAL EVERY 12 HOURS SCH
- oxyCODONE [OxyCONTIN 80 mg MR tablet]
 - 80 mg ORAL EVERY 12 HOURS SCH

Modified release formulation names contain the acronym 'MR'. This is as per [SNOMED/dm+d](#) international naming convention with an abbreviation due to character length restrictions in Expanse name fields.

Modified release formulation products are built at AMPP dm+d level (manufacturer-dependent) as per [national recommendations/best practice](#) as they have release profile variations or specific device directions.

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oxyCODONE [OxyCONTIN 10 mg MR tablet]

oxyCODONE [OxyCONTIN 10 mg MR tablet] 10 mg ORAL EVERY 12 HOURS SCH

Start	Medication (Route)	Time	Sat 15 Nov
17/11/25 06:00	oxyCODONE 10 mg ORAL EVERY 12 HOURS SCH Trade: OxyCONTIN 10 mg MR tablet Rx#: HR00000529	06:00	
Active UnAcknowledged	Label Comments: Swallow this medicine whole. Do not chew or crush. Warning. May make you sleepy. If so do not drive/use tools or machines. Do not drink alcohol.	18:00	