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State of the art in pain  
management : Simple solutions  
for many patients?

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# CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE



Hold Stocks in Eir Solutions

# CLINICAL GUIDELINES



ESMO Guidelines : Annals of Oncology 2012

EAPC Guidelines : Lancet Oncology 2012

WHO Cancer Pain Recommendations

National Guidelines

....and much more

Implementation?

# Some observations

## Cancer pain

- ◆ Only 50 % diagnosed with cancer pain are sufficiently treated
  - ◆ Approximately 350 000 new cancer patients are suffering of undertreated pain in EU each year
- ◆ More cancer patients are living longer with metastatic disease

## Patients

2294 cancer patients using an opioid for moderate or severe pain:

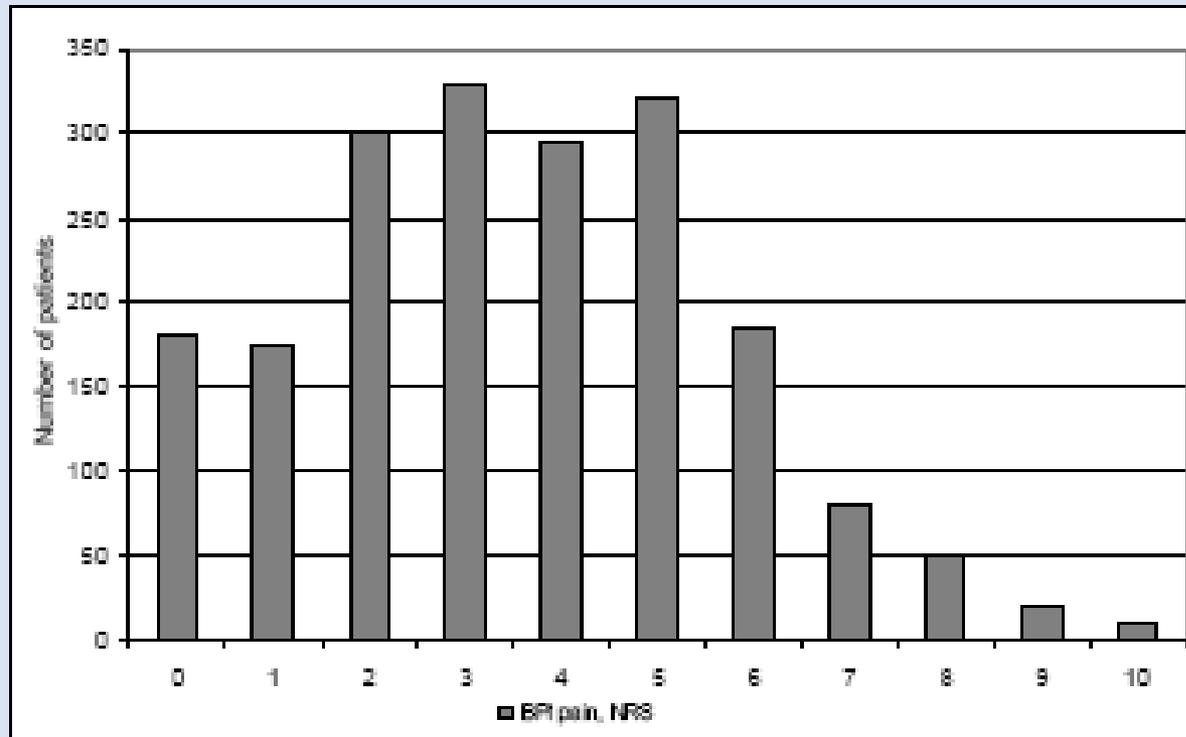
- Morphine 827
- Oxycodone 445
- Fentanyl 695
- Other WHO step III opioids 327

Age  $62 \pm 12$ , Karnofsky  $59 \pm 17$ , MMSE  $27 \pm 3$ ,  
82% hospitalized

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## Pain

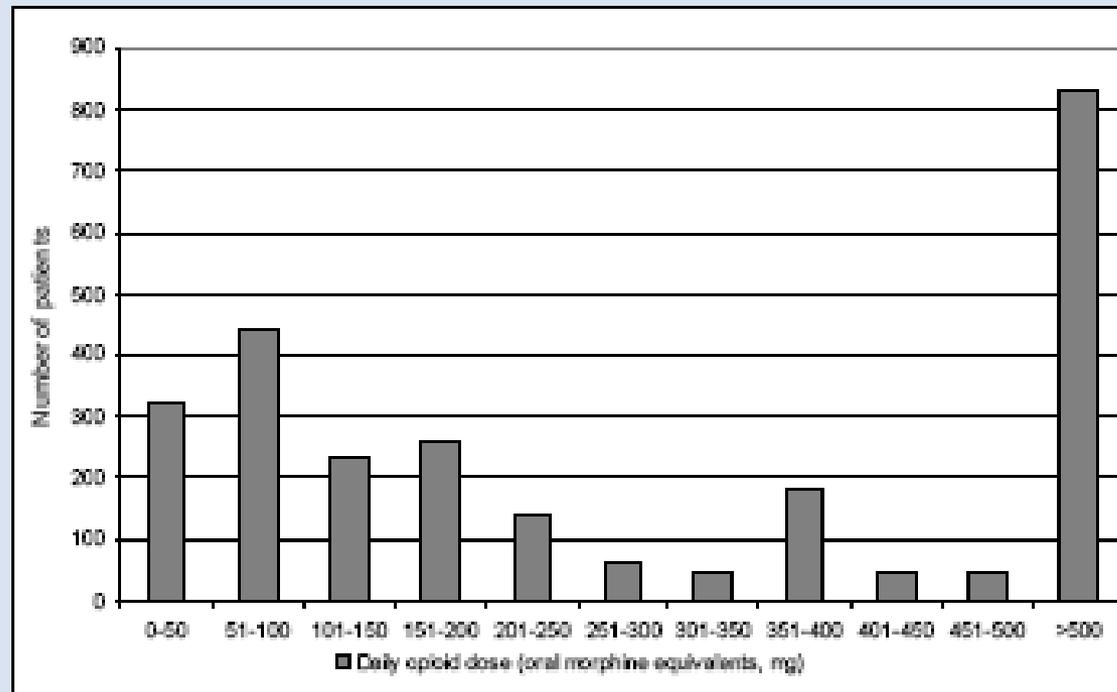


The EPOS study shows that a large part of cancer patients have unacceptable high pain intensity.

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## Opioid doses



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**Cancer patients are suffering from much  
more than pain**

# Symptoms

## Inadequately treated

- ◆ 60 % with constipation, depression and sleep
- ◆ 45 % with nausea

**Inadequate symptom control in advanced cancer patients  
across Europe**

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# How to improve?



# It is “all about” classification

- ◆ Who are the patients?
- ◆ Tailor make the treatment
- ◆ Do it simple in routine clinical practice



# Assess the 3 basic aspects

- ◆ The Pain
- ◆ The Patient
- ◆ The Tumour

# Basic assessment

- ◆ *The four key domains for Cancer Pain Classification are*
  - ◆ *Pain intensity*
  - ◆ *Neuropathic pain*
  - ◆ *BTP*
  - ◆ *Psychological distress*

# Even more basic

- ◆ *Pain intensity should always be assessed*
- ◆ *Using an 11 point numerical rating scale (NRS) with the following anchoring points*
  - ◆ *0 = 'no pain'*
  - ◆ *10 = 'pain as bad as you can imagine'*

## **A classification of chronic pain for *ICD-11***

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# Divided into 7 groups

- ◆ Chronic primary pain
- ◆ **Chronic cancer pain**
- ◆ Chronic postsurgical and posttraumatic pain
- ◆ Chronic neuropathic pain
- ◆ Chronic headache and orofacial pain
- ◆ Chronic visceral pain
- ◆ Chronic musculoskeletal pain

# Chronic cancer pain

- ◆ Pain caused by the cancer
- ◆ Pain caused by cancer treatment

# Chronic cancer pain

- ◆ Subdivided into
  - ◆ Location
    - ◆ Visceral
    - ◆ Bony
    - ◆ Somatosensory (neuropathic)
  - ◆ Continous (background pain)
  - ◆ Intermittent (episodic pain)



# Treatment

- ◆ A multimodal approach
  - ◆ Chemotherapy
  - ◆ Radiotherapy
- ◆ Analgesics
- ◆ Psychological support

# Hypofractionated radiotherapy

- ◆ Results from two RCTs

*Phase III randomised trial*

Prospective randomised multicenter trial on single fraction  
radiotherapy (8 Gy × 1) versus multiple fractions (3 Gy × 10)  
in the treatment of painful bone metastases

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ORIGINAL REPORT

## Hypofractionated Palliative Radiotherapy (17 Gy per two fractions) in Advanced Non–Small-Cell Lung Carcinoma Is Comparable to Standard Fractionation for Symptom Control and Survival: A National Phase III Trial

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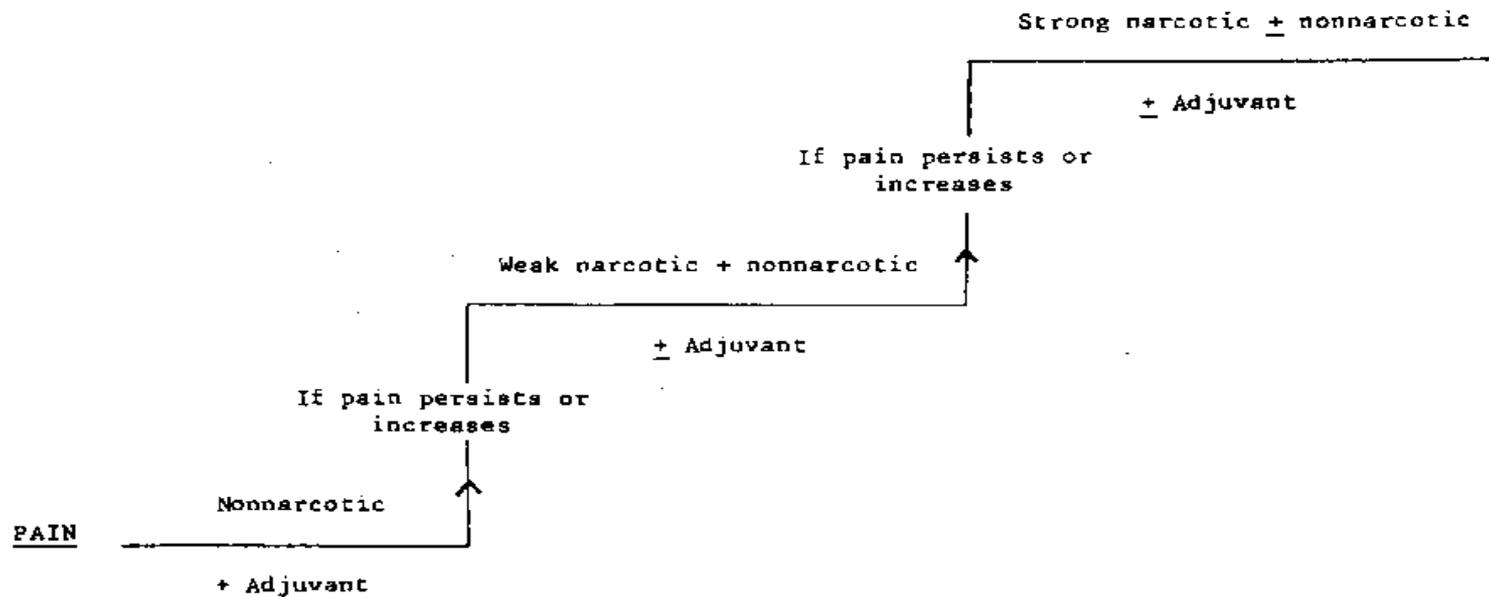
# Analgesics



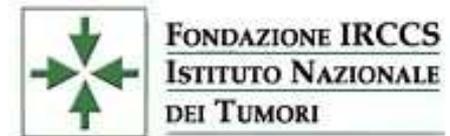


# Original version of WHO analgesic ladder 1982

Figure I - Analgesic Ladder



The four groups of drugs will now be discussed in detail:





# On going discussions

- ◆ Skip step 2 of the “old” ladder?



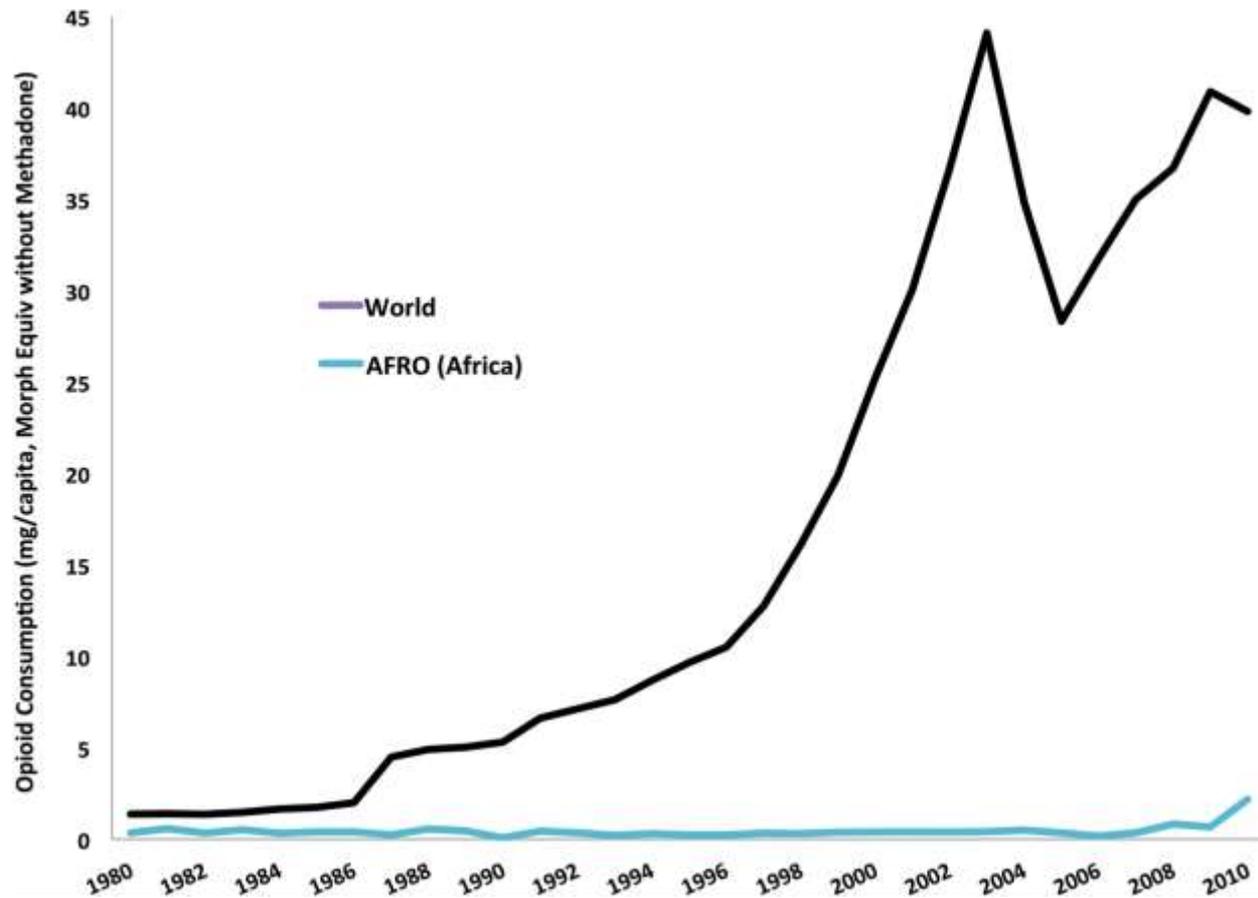
# Analgesics – keep it simple

- ◆ Use Paracetamol
- ◆ Use Morphine
  - ◆ Oxycodone
  - ◆ Hydromorphone
- ◆ Morphine can be used as oral,sc,iv and spinal
  - ◆ Oral – immediate and slow release
  - ◆ Cheap
  - ◆ Easy to produce



# Morphine

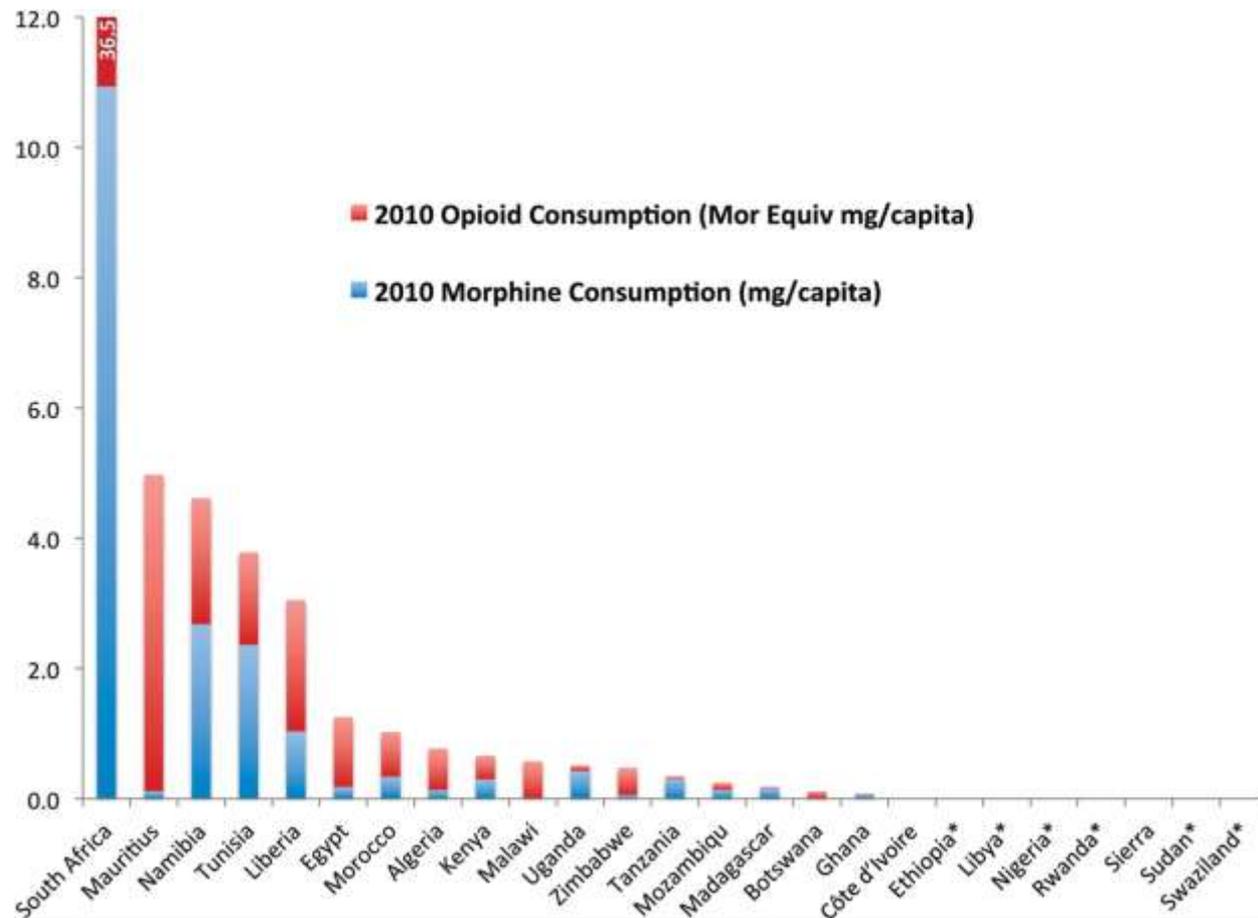
- ◆ Make it available
- ◆ In the essential drug list of WHO



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# Conclusions – keep it simple

- ◆ Assess and re - assess with the NRS
- ◆ Integrate pain and Palliative-Supportive Care into oncology care-all the time
- ◆ If opioids are needed – stay with Morphine
- ◆ For bone pain – one fraction RT to many patients much better than multiple fractions to a few