



WHO Analgesic Ladder

Severe Pain (7-10/10)

**Strong Opioids
 +/-
 Adjuvants**

Strong Opioids

- Morphine (immediate or sustained release)
- Oxycodone (immediate or sustained release)
- Hydromorphone
- Fentanyl transdermal

Moderate Pain (4-6/10)

**Weak Opioids
 +/-
 Adjuvants**

Weak Opioids

- Codeine
- Hydrocodone bitartrate
- Oxycodone and acetaminophen combinations

Mild Pain (1-3/10)

**Nonopioids
 +/-
 Adjuvants**

Nonopioids

- NSAIDs
- Salicylates
- Propoxyphene

Adjuvant Therapy

- Anticonvulsants
- Antidepressants
- Corticosteroids
- Dermal analgesics
- Muscle relaxants
- Stimulants