

Slow-Release Oral Morphine (Kadian) Medication Administration: ED Huddle Education Tool

Case Study

Your patient has been ordered Kadian, rather than giving the whole capsules the physician has asked you to break open the capsules and witness patient consumption of medication. How do you proceed?

Answer

- Inquire about how the patient prefers to have their Kadian administered
- Generally, slow-release oral morphine capsules will be provided whole to be swallowed. If clinically indicated or preferred by the person receiving care, capsules may be opened, and the pellets may be sprinkled for immediate ingestion.
- Patient should be offered fluids, yogurt or apple sauce to ingest medication

Resources

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Substance Use Consult Service

[24/7 Addiction Medicine Clinician Support Line](#)

BCCSU Clinical Resources:

[Acute Clinical Care Guidance](#)

[Clinical Summary for Slow-Release Oral Morphine](#)