



# Preferred Drug List

## NEW DRUG REVIEW

**Proprietary Name:** Fentora™

**Common Name:** Fentanyl Buccal Tablet

**PDL Category:** Narcotics - Miscellaneous

<u>Comparable Products</u>	<u>Preferred Drug List/ Recommended Drug List Status</u>
Actiq®	Non-Preferred
Morphine Sulfate Tablets	Preferred

### Summary

**Indications and Usage:** Treatment of breakthrough pain in cancer patients who are currently receiving and already tolerant to opioid therapy.

**Mechanism of Action:** Binds to opioid receptors producing analgesia

**Dosage Forms:** Buccal tablet; 100mcg, 200mcg, 400mcg, 600mcg, 800mcg

**Recommended Dosage:** Starting dose is 100mcg and titrated up as needed

**Common Adverse Drug Reactions:** Nausea, vomiting, fatigue, anemia, constipation, edema,

**Contraindications:** Use in acute or postoperative pain, use in opioid non-tolerant patients, any hypersensitivities to any component of the compound

**Manufacturer:** Cephalon, Inc.

**Analysis:** The unique drug delivery system of Fentora™ allows for systemic exposure of fentanyl within fifteen minutes compared to an average of 30-45 minutes for other orally administered opioids. Despite its favorable delivery system, Fentora™ is only indicated for a small patient population and should not be used for non-cancer related pain due to the drug's Black Box Warning issued by the FDA. Other short acting opioid narcotics are available on the Preferred Drug List as preferred products that are more cost effective and can be used in a wider range of pain etiologies.

**IME Recommendation:**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Preferred Drug with Conditions		