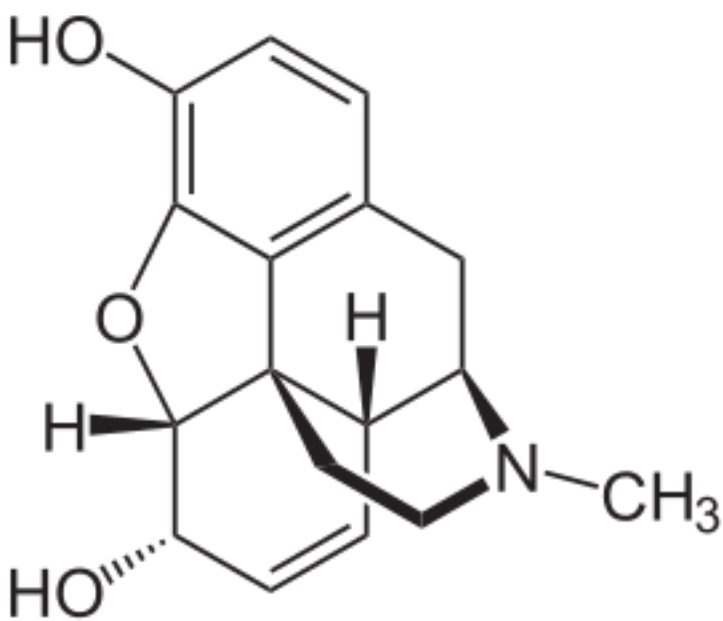




# OPIOID PAINKILLERS

## Opioid

1. Painkillers such as:
  - Hydrocodone
  - Oxycodone
  - Morphine
2. Obtainable through prescribed and illegal means for euphoria (getting high).
3. Used in painkillers because it relaxes the body and makes you feel loose (hence euphoria).
4. Obtainable through plants or made in a lab following the same compound structure.
5. No physical or chemical changes found.

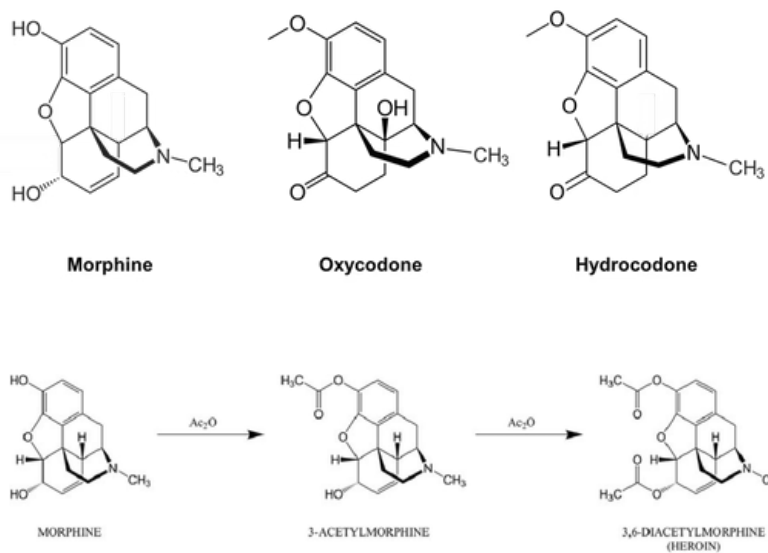


## Economy

1. Cost of investing in opioids yearly average = CA\$1.7 trillion (converted from USD from Google).
2. Cost of opioid per person = CA\$163.
3. Expensive because of the requirement of prescriptions. Another possibility is how addictive it is, so the market value for it is much higher. Unless the consumer decides to switch to a less expensive stimulant such as heroin.
4. Four main companies dealing with opioids include Johnson & Johnson, Endo, Teva, and Allergan.

## Environmental/Ethical

1. Scientists are finding opioids ending up in wastewater after breaking down into metabolites as it enters people's bodies.
2. Clinicians have concerns regarding the ethical use of painkillers to be used as sedatives for slowing down pain and having a more 'peaceful' death, concerns regarding the moral obligations and legal duty.



## Societal

1. At least 10% of opioid users end up becoming addicted to the effects of experiencing less pain, eventually overdosing to go through euphoria.
2. HEALTH HAZARD: To avoid overdose, only intake if prescribed.

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