

Table III. Number of dying patients with regular doses of pain medication prescribed, as needed and given in the last 24 hours of life at Landspítali University Hospital (LUH), in nursing homes (NH), with cancer, non-cancer diseases and 80 years and older.

| | Total n=232 (%) | LUH n=119 (%) | NH n=113 (%) | Patients with cancer n=79 (%) | Patients with non-cancer n=152 (%) | Patients 80 years and older n=158 (%) |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|--|
| Patients with regular doses of morphine subcutaneous (sc) | 155 (66.8) | 82 (68.9) | 73 (64.6) | 56 (70.9) | 99 (65.1) | 101 (63.9) |
| Mean dose of morphine (mg) | 56.8 | 75.5**** | 35.9**** | 88.7** | 38.8** | 41.8 |
| Patients with regular doses of opioids, converted to morphine sc/24h | 187 (80.6) | 105 (88.2) | 82 (72.6) | 76 (96.2) | 110 (72.4) | 119 (75.3) |
| Mean dose of opioids, converted to morphine sc (mg) | 76.1 | 107.5*** | 35.9*** | 108.4 | 54.2 | 40.2 |
| Patients with morphine prescribed as needed | 198 (85.3) | 105 (88.2) | 93 (82.3) | 74 (93.7) | 132 (86.8) | 133 (84.2) |
| Doses of morphine prescribed as needed (mg) | 21.4 | 12.9††† | 4.7††† | 16.4*** | 4.8*** | 5.4 |
| Patients given morphine as needed | 134 (67.7) | 75 (71.4) | 59 (63.4) | 54 (73) | 79 (59.8) | 88 (66.2) |
| Mean dose of morphine given as needed | 21.4 | 24.3 | 17.8 | 34* | 12.9* | 16.6 |

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