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Quote:

Mr Beed admitted administering **high doses of powerful painkiller diamorphine** – a form of heroin – to Gladys Richards on Daedalus ward after the 91-year-old was re-admitted on August 17 1998.

The cocktail Mrs Richards – who was initially admitted six days earlier following a hip operation – was given also included **anti-psychotics and a sedative**.

Brompton cocktail is an elixir meant for use as a pain suppressant, and dosed for prophylaxis. Made from morphine or diacetylmorphine (heroin), cocaine, highly-pure ethyl alcohol (some recipes specify gin), and sometimes chlorpromazine (Thorazine), it was given to terminally-ill individuals (especially cancer patients) to relieve pain and promote sociability near death. The chlorpromazine suppresses nausea from whatever source, and tincture of cannabis was once used for this purpose.

The Brompton cocktail is named after the Royal Brompton Hospital in London, England, where it was invented in the late 1920s for patients with tuberculosis. While its use is rare in the 21st century, it is not unheard of. It was far more common in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The original idea for an oral mixture of morphine and cocaine helping patients in agony with advanced disease is credited to surgeon Dr Herbert Snow in 1896.

While each of the ingredients combat pain and other problems that occur with it in those who may be nauseous from effects of chemotherapy, radiation, and/or high and escalating doses of morphine (which can also cause somnolence or sleepiness, hence the stimulant), it is also generally acknowledged that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts with the various active ingredients all potentiating the morphine or other opioid in their own ways. The synergy between opioid analgesics and centrally-acting stimulants is well-known and widely used: for example, the caffeine content of many codeine-based pain relievers, and prescription of dextroamphetamine or methylphenidate to patients on high doses of opioids both to combat the somnolence from the painkillers and to boost their pain-killing ability.

Some specifications for variants of Brompton Mixture call for methadone, hydromorphone, or other strong opioids in the place of morphine, diphenhydramine in place of the chlorpromazine, and/or methamphetamine, amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, co-phenylcaine, methylphenidate or other stimulants in the place of cocaine. The original recipe for Brompton Mixture also calls for chloroform, cherry syrup to help mask the bitter taste of some of the components, and distilled water in some quantity as a dilutant for the chloroform and/or to add volume to allow for more precise titration of doses.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brompton_cocktail

Sounds like a rendition of Brompton's Cocktail was given to this woman. It just isn't being picked up on by the media.

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **TFA**
powerful painkiller diamorphine – a form of heroin – to Gladys Richards

Diamorphine is a form of heroin? Just like poppy pods contain a chemical often found in LSD? What will they think of next?

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Actually I appreciate this definition. I personally believe "Heroin" is simply a brand name for anything sold as a strong opioid meant for injection/insufflation/chasing. While Diamorphine is the 'original' Heroin, and is found in most Heroin, this is not entirely the case (the Fentanyl's, Meperidines, Desomorphine, Morphine, etc are also sold as Heroin).



However the article pushing LSA from Morning Glory* as an ingredient found in LSD is certainly over the top.

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