

# Expert Review

**Mary German**

**No. BJC/19**

**Date of Birth:** Code A

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Mrs German was admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 28 November 1998. Mrs German had previously been diagnosed as suffering from carcinoma of the lung and had a secondary deposit in her spine.

At the time of admission she was already receiving Morphine, Diclofenac and Carbamazepine to treat a mixture of lung, bone and neuropathic pain. She had been admitted from St Mary's General Hospital following a course of radiotherapy. She was admitted for palliative care and received a comprehensive nursing assessment.

By 30 November 1998 Mrs German was noted as being confused as well as breathless which continued.

On 2 December 1998 Mrs German became increasingly short of breath although she denied any pain or discomfort. She died on 3 December 1998.

The expert review noted she was described an appropriate dose of Diamorphine having previously received a carefully calibrated dose of Oramorph. Conversion from Oramorph to Diamorphine via a syringe driver was undertaken in an appropriate manner.