Breakthrough pain alternative options to replace diamorphine buccal:

Diamorphine IN (Ayendi) and diamorphine injection is in short supply. Alternative options to consider are:

* Encourage enteral route using Morphine immediate release options (Oramorph solution and Sevredol tablets) or Oxycodone immediate release (solution or tablet). For the younger age group Oramorph is very small volume to take orally.
* Fentanyl sprays IN, buccal tablets or lozenges can be used. For the younger age group with dosing per age or weight some centres have special developed special preparations eg Fentanyl (25mcg/2.5ml) for IN use. However robust governance is needed to ensure clarity regarding dosing, concentration and administration is needed.
* Oxycodone (parentral) injection used buccal
* Provision of patient or proxy controlled analgesia (PCA) in the community

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