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| Supplemental Table 1. Modified stepwise analgesic ladder | |
| Analgesics | Oxycodone, morphine and oxycodone with acetaminophen |
| Mild to moderate pain | Oxycodone, 5 mg with acetaminophen, 500 mg (up to 8 tablets/d) |
| Moderate to severe pain | Sustained-release oxycodone or morphine |
| Breakthrough pain | Morphine immediate release pills or oxycodone, 5 mg with acetaminophen, 500 mg (up to 8 tablets/d) |
| Note: The analgesic goal was a VAS ≤ 3 and no more than 3 times of eruptive pain in a day. If VAS was more than 3, or the times of breakthrough pain were more than 3 in a day, the daily amounts of sustained-release pills would be increased by 10-25%. If patients reported no pain (VAS = 0), the daily amounts of sustained-release pills would be reduced by 10-25%.  Abbreviation: VAS, visual analog scale. | |