

# An international comparison of opioid prescribing for non-cancer pain in the UK, Canada, USA, and Taiwan

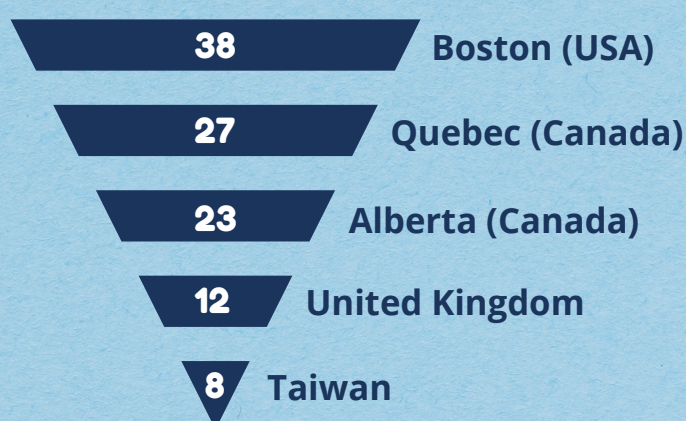


Between 2006-2016  
**>2.5 million patients'** data were analysed across **5 jurisdictions** - United States (Boston), Canada (Quebec and Alberta), United Kingdom, Taiwan.

## Opioid prescribing rates across jurisdictions, standardised for age and sex in 2014 per 1,000 population

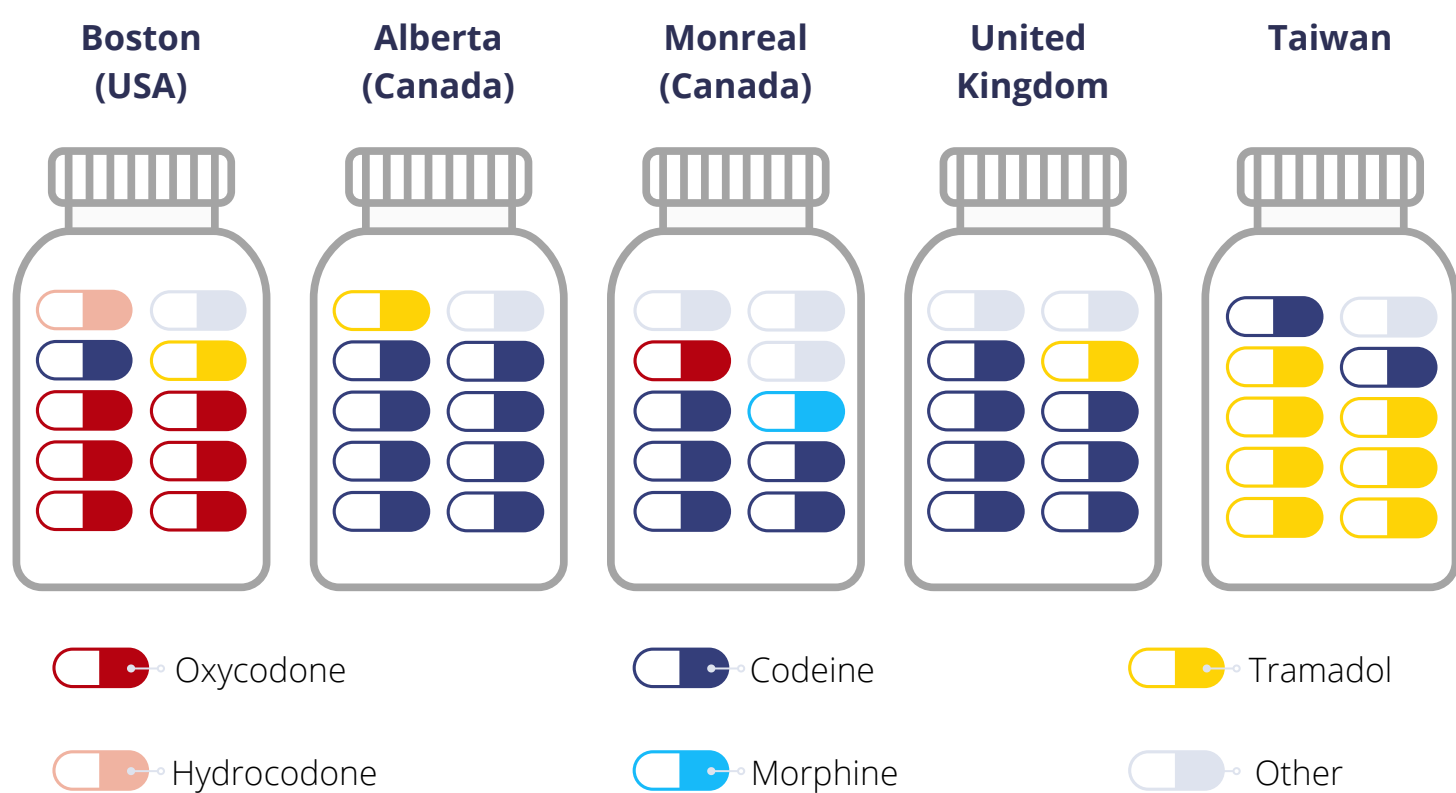


## Dose per day prescribed at initiation (MME\*/day)



\*Morphine Milligram Equivalents

## Type of opioid at initiation



## For more information:

Jani M, Girard N, Bates DW, Buckeridge DL, Sheppard T, Li J, Iqbal U, Vik S, Weaver C, Seidel J, Dixon WG, Tamblyn R (2021) Opioid prescribing among new users for non-cancer pain in the USA, Canada, UK, and Taiwan: A population-based cohort study. *PLoS Med* 18(11): e1003829. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1003829>