

Table: Therapeutic Strategies When A Patient Is Poorly Responsive To An Opioid Regimen

Strategy	Approaches
Open the “therapeutic window”	More aggressive side effect management Innovative approaches to side effect management
Try to identify an opioid with a more favorable balance between analgesia and side effects	“Opioid rotation”
Use a pharmacologic strategy to reduce the opioid requirement	Trial of sytemically administered nonopioid analgesic or adjuvant analgesic Trial of spinal opioid or adjuvant analgesic (neuraxial infusion)
Use a nonpharmacologic strategy to reduce the opioid requirement	Injection therapies, including nerve blocks Rehabilitative approaches Psychological treatments Complementary therapies Neurolytic therapies