



Morphine Continuous Infusion High Alert

K07002307 Jun/7/2002 M
SCA, TEST Visit
ER0000145/12 HCN: 22222222
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Patient: _____

☐ Alert Record Reviewed ☐ No Allergies Known

☐ Allergies-Adverse Reactions-Cautions: _____

Age _____ Patient's Weight _____ kg Date of Patient's Weight _____

DIAGNOSIS: _____

Items preceded by a **bullet (•)** are active orders. Items preceded by a **checkbox ()** are only actioned if checked (✓)

For infants less than 6 months:

- **Morphine** infusion must be prescribed by qualified specialist as per institutional policy.

MEDICATIONS

- Discontinue all previous opioid medications

Initial bolus dose:

☐ **morphine** (usual range 0.02 to 0.05 mg/kg/dose) _____ mg/kg/dose IV x 1 dose

Continuous infusion:

• **morphine** (usual range 0.01 to 0.04 mg/kg/hour) _____ mg/kg/hour IV

If less than 6 months, usual range: 0.005 to 0.02 mg/kg/hour

Breakthrough doses:

☐ **morphine** (usual range 0.01 to 0.04 mg/kg/dose or hourly dose) _____ mg/kg/dose IV every 30 minutes PRN

If less than 6 months, usual range: 0.005 to 0.02 mg/kg/dose

MONITORING

- Continuous pulse oximetry for first 24 hours. After first 24 hours, monitor when asleep or unattended and PRN: Notify most responsible prescriber if oxygen saturation is less than 94% and/or if oxygen requirements increase
- Heart rate, respiratory rate and depth, and sedation scale (while awake) Q1H for 24 hours after initiation or dose increase then Q2H unless respiratory rate is below limit (see reverse) or if breathing is shallow
- Blood pressure and pain assessment Q4H

If patient has a sedation score of 3 or higher OR respiratory rate is less than _____ breaths/minute (see reverse for age-appropriate limits):

- Stimulate/rouse patient and encourage breathing
- STOP **morphine** infusion
- Apply oxygen at 6 to 10L by face mask, check pulse oximetry
- Call most responsible prescriber and respiratory therapist

If patient is unarousable AND/OR oxygen saturation is less than 90% with oxygen:

- Call code blue
- STOP **morphine** infusion
- Begin resuscitation and give naloxone
- Naloxone: _____ mg (0.01 mg/kg/dose) IV (for patients less than 8 kg) every 2 to 3 minutes PRN
- ☐ 0.1mg IV (for patients 8 to 14.9 kg) every 2 to 3 minutes PRN
- ☐ 0.2 mg IV (for patients 15 to 24.9 kg) every 2 to 3 minutes PRN
- ☐ 0.3 mg IV (for patients 25 to 34.9 kg) every 2 to 3 minutes PRN
- ☐ 0.4 mg IV (for patients greater than or equal to 35 kg) every 2 to 3 minutes PRN
- Stat page most responsible prescriber

DATE (yyyy/MON/dd) _____ Time (24hour/hh:mm) _____ Verified By (Signature) _____ Printed Surname _____

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Note: Page 2 contains Clinician Information



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Respiratory Rate Limits

Age	Respiratory Rate (breaths/minute)
Less than 6 months	30
6 to 12 months	20
1 to 2 years	16
2 to 10 years	10
11 years and older	8

Sedation Scale

1	None	Alert
2	Mild	Occasionally drowsy, easy to arouse
3	Moderate	Frequently drowsy, easy to arouse
4	Severe	Somnolent, difficult to arouse