

PHYSICIAN'S ORDERS
PATIENT CONTROLLED ANALGESIA
ACUTE PAIN SERVICE (APS) (Adult)

Allergies: _____

To complete the order form, fill in the required blanks and/or check the appropriate boxes.
To delete orders, draw one line through the item and initial.

WARNING: Do not administer any supplemental narcotics/analgesics/sedatives by any route unless approved by the APS or anaesthesiologist. Exception: Acetaminophen, if ordered by surgeon for fever.

Indication

- Post-op surgery Management of Labour for genetic termination/fetal demise

PCA Medications and Pump Settings

- Morphine 5 mg/mL
Loading dose _____ mg (optional, once only)

OR

- Meperidine 10 mg/mL
Loading dose _____ mg (optional, once only)

PCA Settings

- PCA only
OR
 PCA and continuous infusion

PCA dose: _____ mg/dose
Lockout: _____ minutes (usual range 6-12 minutes)
4 hour dose limit: _____ mg/4hours
Continuous infusion dose: _____ mg/hour (optional)

Monitoring and Treatment

Follow monitoring guidelines as per Patient Controlled Analgesia policy and procedure
Respiratory rate q2h x 24 hours then q4h
Sedation score q2h x 24 hours then q4h
 SpO2 q2h x 24 hours then q4h
 Oxygen Protocol
 Oxygen _____
RN will check and verify PCA settings once per shift

Side Effect Management

Nausea and vomiting: Dimenhydrinate _____ mg IV q3-4h prn
If dimenhydrinate ineffective, give ondansetron _____ mg IV q _____ h prn x 48 hours
Pruritis: Diphenhydramine _____ mg IV q4 h prn
Other: _____

Supplemental Analgesia

Acetaminophen 325-650 mg po/pr q _____ h prn
Acetaminophen 325 mg and codeine _____ mg _____ tabs po q _____ h prn
 Naproxen 500 mg po/pr bid x 48 hours
Other: _____

Notify Acute Pain Service or Anaesthesiologist-on-call if:

- Respiratory rate less than 8/min, stop pump and have naloxone immediately available.
- Sedation score of 3 (somnolent, difficult to arouse), stop pump and have naloxone immediately available.
- Inadequate pain control (pain score greater than 6).
- Other PCA problems

Coverage for APS patients:

- APS anaesthesiologist: Monday-Friday 08:00-17:00 hours
- Anaesthesiologist-on-call: Monday-Friday 17:00-08:00 hours. Weekends and holidays 24 hour coverage.

- Discontinue PCA at 24 hours Discontinue PCA at 48 hours Discontinue PCA post-delivery

Discontinue PCA on _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ MD SIGNATURE _____

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