

## PRN Pain Orders Verbiage Update

### **(IV) PRN Pain Options (Typical meds are Morphine & Dilaudid)**

Moderate pain (pain score 4-6), Severe pain (pain score 7-10) or equivalent score using a non-communicative pain assessment tool. Reserve for patients where PO medications are not ideal (limited oral intake, nausea/vomiting etc.). May also be used as a pre-med for anticipated pain. Begin with the lowest prescribed dose in the dose range. If comfort goal not met and no serious adverse outcomes in 10 min, give additional dose. For subsequent moderate pain or severe pain dosing, may use previous effective dose.

### **(PO) PRN Pain Options (Typical meds are Roxycodone, Lortab, Percocet, etc.)**

Option \*\*\* (If patient refuses, may proceed to next option. Document refusal on MAR)

Moderate pain (pain score 4-6), Severe pain (pain score 7-10) or equivalent score using a non-communicative pain assessment tool. May also be used as a pre-med for anticipated pain. Begin with the lowest prescribed dose in the dose range. If comfort goal not met and no serious adverse outcomes in 60 min, give additional dose. For subsequent moderate pain or severe pain dosing, may use previous effective dose.

### **Adjunctive PRN Pain Options (May choose more than 1 option – typical meds are Tylenol, Motrin & Toradol)**

Option \*\*\* (If patient refuses, may proceed to next option. Document refusal on MAR)

For adjunct pain control. May be given alone to treat mild pain (pain score 1-3); May be given alone or with other ordered medications to treat moderate or severe pain (pain score 4-10) to aid in pain control while minimizing opioid use. May also be used as a pre-med for anticipated pain.

**\*\*Remove any “Anticipated Pain” sections from ordersets**

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### **Pharmacist Assessment for all Analgesic Orders (PHARMACY USE ONLY)**

1. Are there other analgesic orders for the same indication?
  - a. Yes-Are the instructions clear as to which order the medications should be given in?
    - i. Yes-Proceed to question 2
    - ii. No-Contact ordering provider for clarification
  - b. No-Proceed to question 2
2. Is there a dose range
  - a. Yes-Are there instructions for how to administer doses within the range
    - i. Yes-Assessment Complete
    - ii. No-Add dose range instructions (see below)

#### 1-2 tablet instructions

Or equivalent score using a non-communicative pain assessment tool. May also be used as a pre-med for anticipated pain. Begin with the lowest prescribed dose in the dose range. If comfort goal not met and no serious adverse outcomes in 60 min, give additional dose. For subsequent (insert indication here) pain dosing, may use previous effective dose.

#### IV Dose Range

Reserve for patients where PO medications are not ideal (limited oral intake, nausea/vomiting etc.). May also be used as a pre-med for anticipated pain. Begin with the lowest prescribed dose in the range. If comfort goal not met and no serious adverse outcomes in 10 min, give additional (1 mg increment for Morphine, 0.2 mg increment for Hydromorphone, 25 mcg increment for Fentanyl). Continue this incremental dosing until comfort goal achieved or maximum dose administered. For subsequent (insert indication here) severe pain dosing, may use previous effective dose