

- ii. Ketorolac
 - 1. Adult: 30 mg IM or 15 mg IV
 - 2. Pediatric age 2–16 years old: 0.5 mg/kg (maximum dose of 30 mg IM or 15 mg IV)
- c. Nitrous Oxide
- 6. For Moderate to Severe pain, analgesics include:
 - a. Morphine sulfate:
 - i. 0.1 mg/kg IM, IV or IO (maximum initial dose is 10 mg)
 - b. Fentanyl:
 - i. 1 mcg/kg IN, IM, IV or IO (maximum initial dose of 100 mcg)
 - c. Hydromorphone:
 - i. 0.015 mg/kg IM, IV, or IO (maximum initial dose 2 mg; maximum cumulative dose of 4 mg)
 - d. Ketamine:
 - i. 0.25 mg/kg IM, IV or IO (maximum initial dose 25 mg; maximum cumulative dose 100 mg)
- 7. Use of non-invasive capnography is an earlier predictor of hypoventilation than pulse oximetry if opioid medications are administered
- 8. Consider administration of oral, sublingual, or IV antiemetics to prevent nausea [See [Nausea/Vomiting Guideline](#)]
- 9. If indicated based on pain assessment, and vital signs allow, repeat pain medication administration (excluding acetaminophen and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medicines) after 5 minutes of the previous dose
- 10. Transport in position of comfort and reassess as indicated

Patient Safety Considerations

- 1. All patients should have drug allergies identified prior to administration of pain medication
- 2. Administer opioids with caution to patients with Glasgow Coma Score (GCS) less than 15, hypotension, identified medication allergy, hypoxia (SPO_2 less than 90%) after maximal supplemental oxygen therapy, or signs of hypoventilation
- 3. Opioids are contraindicated for patients who have taken monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOI) during the previous 14 days
- 4. Avoid non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications such as ibuprofen and ketorolac in patients with NSAID allergy, aspirin-sensitive asthma, renal insufficiency, pregnancy, or known peptic ulcer disease
- 5. Ketorolac should not be used in patients with hypotension (due to renal toxicity)
- 6. Use of splinting techniques and application of ice should be done to reduce the total amount of medication used to keep the patient comfortable

Notes/Educational Pearls

Key Considerations

- 1. Intranasal routes of opioid analgesia are preferred as the initial dosing route in pediatrics where IV access may be problematic; consider in other patient populations when an IV is not otherwise indicated
- 2. Onset of action is dependent on the pharmacokinetics of the drug class as well as route of administration; oral analgesics are effective for pain control but

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