

EPIDURAL / NERVE INFUSION PRESCRIPTION

WARD: _____

LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

M.R.N.										
SURNAME..... D.O.B.....										
OTHER NAMES.....										
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Catheter Insertion Record

Epidural / other _____		
Level _____	Depth _____ cm	Catheter Mark at Skin _____ cm
Date _____	Time _____	Inserted by _____

General Instructions

1. No systemic opioids to be given while infusion is in progress, unless ordered by anaesthetist.
2. Give regular paracetamol as ordered unless contra-indicated.
3. Naloxone 0.4 mg and Ephedrine 30 mg/ml must be available.
4. Oxygen at ____ L/min via nasal prongs or at ____ L/min via mask to keep SpO₂ ≥ ____ %.
5. Maintain patent IV access for 6/24 post removal of epidural catheter.
6. Standard bolus using epidural pump is 5mL. See pain folder for instructions on inadequate analgesia.

Prescription for Infusion Bags

1. The prescription below can be used for ongoing administration.
2. Alterations to bag contents require a new prescription form.

<input type="checkbox"/> Bupivacaine 0.125% + Fentanyl 2mcg/mL in 200 mL	<input type="checkbox"/> Bupivacaine 0.125% in 100 mL
<input type="checkbox"/> Bupivacaine 0.25% in 100 mL	<input type="checkbox"/> Ropivacaine 0.2% in 100 mL
Starting Rate _____ mL/hr Infusion Range from _____ to _____ mL/hr	
Other orders: _____	
Anaesthetist's Signature: _____ Print Name: _____	
Date: _____	

Ceasing Infusion and Removing Epidural Catheter

Epidural Infusions must not be ceased nor epidural catheters removed without consultation with an anaesthetist.

Epidural catheters must **NOT** be removed within 6 hours of subcutaneous unfractionated heparin or within 12 hours of subcutaneous low-molecular weight heparin.

Catheter removed and tip intact: Yes / No

Date/time: _____ Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Record of Infusion Bags

Nursing staff to complete the below record for each epidural infusion administered.

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