PAEDIATRIC ANAESTHESIA

ANALGESIC OPTIONS

Paracetamol*	PO 10-15mg/kg/dose Q4-6h; max 90mg/kg/day IV 10-15mg/kg/dose Q6h; max 75mg/kg/day PR 25-30mg/kg/dose Q6h; max 100-200mg/kg/day
NSAIDs**	PO Ibuprofen 5-10mg/kg/dose Q6-8h; max 40mg/kg/day PR Diclofenac 1mg/kg/dose Q12h IV Ketorolac 0.25-0.5mg/kg/dose Q6-8h; max 3 days
Tramadol***	PO/ IV Tramadol 1-2mg/kg/dose Q8h
Strong Opioids	PO morphine syrup 0.2-0.4mg/kg/dose Q4-6h IV morphine infusion 20mcg/kg/hr PO Oxycodone 0.1-0.2mg/kg/dose Q4-8h

- * Avoid PR administration of any drug in neutropenic patients
- ** Avoid in <6mo. Caution in <3yo.
- *** Avoid in children with seizure history

Neonatal drug administration of paracetamol:

Use lower doses, lengthen dosing intervals, review daily.

IV morphine infusion rapidly results in high plasma levels in the first 48h. Preferably start at 10mcg/kg/h and cease at earliest possible time.