

Risk Stratification for Postpartum Monitoring following Neuraxial Opioids¹

	LOW Risk	HIGH Risk
Intrathecal Morphine Dose	> 50 mcg and ≤ 150 mcg	> 150 mcg
Epidural Morphine Dose	> 1 mg and ≤ 3 mg	> 3 mg
Patient Risk Factors		 Cardiopulmonary or neurologic comorbidity BMI > 40 Known or suspected obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) Chronic opioid use Hypertension
Perioperative Risk Factors		 General anesthesia Supplemental IV opioids or patient controlled analgesia (PCA) Ongoing use of concomitant medications with sedative potential Magnesium administration Desaturation event in PACU

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