

PRESCRIPTION CHART

Epidural Analgesia

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**Epidural
L-Bup
ONLY**

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	HOSPITAL NUMBER	D.O.B.	AGE	WEIGHT
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ALLERGIES ?	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
	Neonates & infants < 5kg: Maximum rate = 0.3 ml/kg/hr All other Patients: 0.4 ml/kg/hr, up to a maximum rate of 15 ml/hr (maximum 75 mls in 4 hours)

EPIDURAL ANALGESIC INFUSION

LEVOPUPIVACAINE 0.125% PLAIN 1250 micrograms/ml		DATE													
DOSE RANGE (maximum rate of 15 ml/hour) ml/hr toml/hr ≤ 5kg 0.1 - 0.3 ml/kg/hr > 5kg 0.1 - 0.4 ml/kg/hr	ROUTE EPIDURAL INFUSION ONLY	HRS													
		MIN													
Maximum Dose in 4hours mls <5kg = 1.5ml/kg >5kg = 2mls/kg		SYRINGE CHANGE													
START DATE	SIGNATURE	BLEEP 0577	BOLUS												
PHARMACY USE			SIGN												

(Protocol Overleaf)

Protocol for the use of Epidurals

General instructions

- **No supplementary opioids unless ordered by the Anaesthetist or Pain Service**
- **Maintain IV access** during opioid infusion + 12 hours after cessation
- Record observations according to Clinical Practice Guidelines
- **Assess pain HOURLY** while on Epidural, continue for 6 hours after cessation
- **Multi-modal / synergistic analgesia** – ensure it is prescribed and use it
- Treatment of side-effects:
 - Nausea & vomiting:** Give antiemetics as prescribed
 - Itching:** Naloxone
 - Urinary retention:** Naloxone as prescribed. If fails – catheterise

The Pain Service can be contacted on Bleep 0577 at any time (24 hours)

Epidurals

	drug	infuse at	max rate
≥ 5 kg	Levobupivacaine 0.125% plain	0.1 - 0.4 ml/kg/hr	15 ml/hr
< 5 kg & neonates	Levobupivacaine 0.125% plain	0.1 - 0.3 ml/kg/hr	0.3 ml/kg/hr