

PATIENT COMFORT / PAIN MANAGEMENT

Pain management in the field may be indicated when there is isolated trauma to extremities, severe burns, or amputations. Occasionally, patients with severe musculoskeletal back, neck, or flank pain may require pain treatment in order to facilitate packaging and transport. Except in rare circumstances, pain medication should not be administered to multiple trauma patients with possible head, abdomen, or chest injuries. Nausea and/or vomiting can be a side-effect of narcotic pain medications or associated with many conditions including motion sickness while being transported.

- A. Perform **Initial Treatment / Universal Patient Care Protocol** and follow the proper protocol for medical management based on clinical presentation.
- B. Review patient's allergies, current medications, and past medical history.
- C. If severe pain:

1. Administer **Fentanyl** (*Sublimaze®*) 1 microgram/kilogram – up to 100 micrograms max single dose, slow IV.

DO NOT administer **Fentanyl** (*Sublimaze®*) to children less than 12 years old without **MCP order**. Pediatric dose is 1 microgram/kg max dose of 50 micrograms **per MCP order**.

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2. Administer **Morphine Sulfate** 2 mg slow IV.

- If systolic BP drops below 90 mm/Hg discontinue analgesic administration and administer IV fluid bolus 250 mL Normal Saline and contact **Medical Command**.

DO NOT administer **Morphine Sulfate** to children less than 12 years old without **MCP order**. Pediatric dose of **Morphine Sulfate** is 0.05 mg/kg **per MCP order**.



NOTE: Administration of pain medications may not be tolerated well in patients over 55 years of age. Doses should be initiated low and repeated as needed. Administration of these medications in patients > 55 years of age shall be as follows:

Administer **Fentanyl** (*Sublimaze®*) 0.5 microgram/kilogram – up to a max initial dose of 100 micrograms. Additional doses require **MCP order**.

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-OR-

Administer **Morphine Sulfate** 1 mg slow IV; may repeat every five (5) minutes up to 10 mg unless pain is relieved.

- Use caution if hypotensive and/or bradycardic. Consider use of **Fentanyl (Sublimaze®)**.
- If systolic BP drops below 90 mm/Hg during administration of **Morphine Sulfate**, discontinue analgesic administration and administer IV fluid bolus 250 mL Normal Saline and contact Medical Command.

- D. If discomfort persists, **Contact Medical Command Physician** to discuss further treatment and/or to request additional Morphine Sulfate or Fentanyl. Monitor blood pressure and respiratory effort.

