

MICU Treatment Protocols

Morphine Sulfate

Indications: Severe pain, chest pain, pulmonary edema, analgesic in patients receiving paralytics.

Contra-indications: Hypersensitivity history, suspected head or abdominal injury, non-vented patients with respiratory depression, hypotension.

Adverse Effects: Respiratory depression, hypotension or bradycardia. **Have naloxone available to reverse effects if necessary.**

Administration: Initial dose of 2-5 mg IVP. Continue in 2 mg increments PRN until pain is relieved or until signs of respiratory depression occur. DRIP: 250 mg/250 ml or 500 mg/250 ml concentration, titrate to effect.

MICU Directives:

1. Follow generalized protocol for MICU transports.
2. Reassess vital signs within 5 minutes of administration.
3. Have naloxone (Narcan) available to reverse effects if necessary.

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