

STANDARD ORDERS

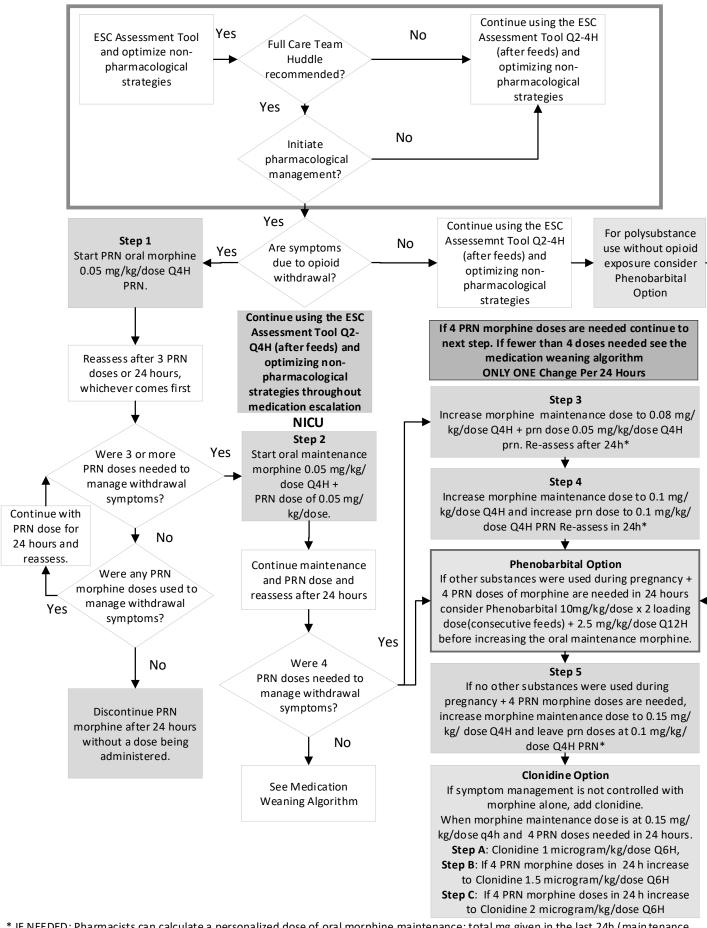
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

EAT SLEEP CONSOLE (ESC) STANDARD ESCALATION ORDERS for NICUs

See Reverse for Escalation Medication Algorithm

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Drug Allergies ► See Clinical Circumstances Sheet	1		DATE TIME Patient's Height Patient's Weight						
R MEDICATION ORDERS TO BE INITIATED OR DISCONTINUED	O	TEST DONE	GENERAL ORDERS PAGE 1 OF 2						
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morphine Step 1			■ Initiate non-pharmacological care as per Eat Sleep Console (ESC) Assessment Tool						
☐ morphine mg (0.05mg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q4H PRN maximum 4 doses in 24 hours (for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) symptoms)			☐ Monitor using ESC Assessment Tool (after a feed) for a minimum of 72 hours if exposed to non-opioid, polysubstance, or short acting opioids						
Step 2			☐ Monitor using ESC Assessment Tool (after a feed) for a minimum of 7 days if exposed to long acting opioid						
☐ morphine mg (0.05 mg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q4H for 24 hours (maintenance)			■ If the newborn has a large emesis within 5 – 10 mins of receiving a morphine dose, repeat the dose						
☐ morphine mg (0.05 mg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q4H PRN if needed 2 hours after maintenance dose. Maximum 4 doses with continued symptoms move to			Establish continuous cardiac and respiratory monitoring (as per ESC guideline)						
Step 3 (for NAS symptoms) Step 3			Monitor BP prior to and 1 hour after clonidine administration for the first 2 doses, and then prior to and 1 hour after any dosage increments for 2 doses						
☐ morphine mg (0.08 mg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q4H for 24 hours (maintenance)			Notify most responsible care provider based on site BP protocols						
☐ morphine mg (0.05 mg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q4H PRN if needed 2 hours after maintenance dose. Maximum 4 doses with continued symptoms move to Step 4 (for NAS symptoms)			Consults						
			☐ Social Work☐ Spiritual Care						
Step 4			☐ Indigenous Services						
☐ morphine mg (0.1 mg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q4H for 24 hours (maintenance)			☐ Dietitian						
morphine mg (0.1 mg/kg/dose) PO/ NG Q4H PRN if needed 2 hours after maintenance dose. Maximum 4 doses with continued symptoms move to Step 5 or add phenobarbital if exposed to polysubstances (for NAS symptoms)			□ Occupational Therapy□ Lactation Consultant						
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^{*} IF NEEDED: Pharmacists can calculate a personalized dose of oral morphine maintenance: total mg given in the last 24h (maintenance +PRN) divided by 6



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Step 5									
☐ morphine mg (0.15 mg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q4H for 24 hours (maintenance)									
morphine mg (0.1 mg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q4H PRN if needed 2 hours after maintenance dose. Maximum 4 doses with continued symptoms consider additional pharmacological management in addition to morphine (for NAS symptoms)									
phenobarbital Option For Polysubstance Use (with or without opioid exposure)									
phenobarbital mg (10 mg/kg/dose) x 2 PO/NG with 2 consecutive feeds (loading dose)									
phenobarbital mg (2.5 mg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q12H (maintenance) to be started 12 hours after the loading dose									
clonidine Escalation Option									
Step A									
☐ clonidine mcg (1 mcg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q6H x 24 hours. Move to next step when morphine maintenance dose is at 0.15 mg/kg/dose Q4H and 4 PRN doses needed in 24 hours									
Step B									
☐ clonidine mcg (1.5 mcg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q6H x 24 hours after 24 hours. Move to next step when morphine maintenance dose is at 0.15 mg/kg/ dose Q4H and 4 PRN doses needed in 24 hours									
Step C									
□ clonidine mcg (2 mcg/kg/dose) PO/NG Q6H x 24 hours									
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