

High-Alert Medications

OPIOIDS AND HIGH-POTENCY NARCOTICS

The following opioids and high-potency narcotics are provincially recognized High-Alert Medications. They require Independent Double-Checks by Visual Verification.

fentaNYL	All routes	EXCEPTION: IV direct/subcut/IM from ampoules/ vials with less than or equal to 100 mcg per container
HYDROmorphone	IV/intraosseous/subcutaneous and all pediatric routes	EXCEPTION: IV direct/subcut/IM from ampoules/vials with less than or equal to 2 mg per container
methadone	All routes	
morphine	IV/intraosseous/subcutaneous/oral liquid and all pediatric routes	EXCEPTION: IV direct/subcut/IM from ampoules/vials with less than or equal to 15 mg per container for Adults and less than or equal to 2 mg per container for Pediatrics; oral liquids less than 5 mg/mL
remifentanil	All routes	
SUFentanil	All routes	

Limiting ward stock of high potency narcotic products in patient/client care areas is one strategy to minimize the risk of harm from these medications.



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