

CVICU Pain and Sedation Protocol



Neonatal Protocol - Intubated < 30 days, CGA > 38 weeks	
Considerations	Notify provider when at maximum infusion rate
Infusions	Fentanyl 0.5 mcg/kg/hr (Max dose: 1.5 mcg/kg/hr) Dexmedetomidine 0.5 mcg/kg/hr (Max dose: 1.2 mcg/kg/hr)
Initial PRNs	Fentanyl 1 mcg/kg Morphine 0.1 mg/kg Dilaudid 0.015 mg/kg
Incremental Infusion Change	Fentanyl 0.5 mcg/kg/hr Dexmedetomidine 0.2 mcg/kg/hr

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Anticipated intubation > 12hr
Begin Infusion

Anticipated intubation < 12hr
Use PRNs

Assess SBS, Pain Score every 2hr and PRN

SBS > Goal
Consider non-pharmacologic interventions and consider Acetaminophen

SBS at Goal

SBS < Goal
Consider decrease in sedation infusion rate

Pain Score ≥ 4
Give Fentanyl PRN

Pain Score < 4
Initiate/increase
Dexmedetomidine gtt

SBS < Goal
Contact Provider

Pain Score ≥ 4
Repeat additional PRN after
15 min x 2

SBS > Goal
Give Fentanyl PRN

Pain Score ≥ 4
If ≥ 3 PRN doses given in 4
hours, consider initiating/
increasing Fentanyl gtt
Notify Provider after 3rd PRN

SBS > Goal
Repeat additional PRN after
15 min x 2

SBS > Goal
Consider delirium - Notify
Provider

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