

CVICU Pain and Sedation Protocol



Neonatal Protocol – Extubated in CVICU < 30 days old

Assess SBS, Pain Score every 2 hr 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 Morphine PRN

Pain Score < 4

Initiate/increase
Dexmedetomidine gtt

SBS < Goal

Contact Provider

Pain Score ≥ 4

Repeat additional PRN after
15 min

SBS > Goal

Give Morphine PRN

Pain Score ≥ 4

Notify Provider after 2nd PRN

SBS > Goal

Repeat additional PRN after
15 min

SBS > Goal

Consider delirium - Notify
Provider

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