# **Monterey County EMS System Policy**



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# **PAIN CONTROL - PEDIATRIC**

BLS CARE	
Routine medical care.	
Positioning	
Splinting as indicated	
Ice packs as indicated	

## ALS CARE

### **Routine Medical Care**

**Morphine Sulfate 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO/IM (0.05 mg/kg if less than 6 months old).** Max single dose 5 mg. May repeat every 10 minutes to a maximum total dose of 10 mg.

OR

**Fentanyl 2 mcg/kg IN/IM**. Max single dose 100 mcg. May repeat every 10 minutes to a maximum total dose of 200 mcg.

OR

**Fentanyl 2 mcg/kg slow IV/IO** (over 1 minute). Max single dose 100 mcg. May repeat every 10 minutes to a maximum total dose of 200 mcg.

#### Base hospital contact for subsequent doses.

Fentanyl requires dilution for administration to patients weighing less than 25 kg:

- 1. Expel and discard 2 ml of Normal Saline (NS) from a 10-ml prefilled syringe, leaving 8 ml of NS in the syringe.
- 2. Using a 2nd syringe, withdraw 2 ml of Fentanyl 50 mcg/ml (100 mcg) and add it to the 8ml of NS left in the prefilled syringe. This results in a concentration of 10 mcg/ml.
- 3. Label the syringe.
- 4. Use a 1 ml or 3 ml syringe to draw up and administer doses. Increments are 1 mcg/0.1 ml.
- 5. Do not dilute medication if administering doses via the intranasal (IN) route.

UNDILUTED Pediatric Fentanyl Dose Chart (2 mcg/kg) 50 mcg/ml				
Weight	Dose	Volume		
5 kg	10 mcg	0.2 ml		
10 kg	20 mcg	0.4 ml		
20 kg	40 mcg	0.8 ml		
30 kg	60 mcg	1.2 ml		
40 kg	80 mcg	1.6 ml		
>50 kg	100 mcg	2 ml		

DILUTED Pediatric Fentanyl Dose Chart (2 mcg/kg) 10 mcg/ml				
Weight	Dose	Volume		
5 kg	10 mcg	1 ml		
10 kg	20 mcg	2 ml		
20 kg	40 mcg	4 ml		
30 kg	60 mcg	6 ml		
40 kg	80 mcg	8 ml		
>50 kg	100 mcg	10 ml		

Document level of pain prior to and after administration of pain medications:

- ➤ <3 years old Behavioral tool or Wong-Baker FACES scale</p>
- ➢ 3-7 years old − Wong-Baker FACES scale or visual analog scale
- ➢ 8-14 years old − visual analog scale

### **BEHAVIORAL TOOL**

Face	0	1	2
	No particular	Occasional grimace or	Frequent to constant
	expression or smile	frown, withdrawn,	frown. Clenched jaw,
		disinterested	quivering chin
	0	1	2
Legs	Normal or relaxed	Uneasy, restless, tense	Kicking, or legs drawn
	position		up
	0	1	2
Activity	Lying quietly, normal	Squirming, tense, shifting	Arched, rigid or jerking
	position, moves easily	back and forth	
	0	1	2
Сгу	No cry (awake or	Moans or whimpers;	Cries steadily, screams,
	asleep)	occasional complaint	sobs, frequent
			complaints
Consolability	0	1	2
	Content, relaxed	Reassured by talking to,	Difficult to console
		hugging, distractible	

## Wong-Baker FACES<sup>®</sup> Pain Rating Scale



#### **Brief initial instructions:**

Point to each face using the words to describe the pain intensity. Ask the child to choose the face that best describes their own pain and record the appropriate number.

#### **Original instructions**

Explain to the person that each face is for a person who feels happy because he has no pain (hurt) or sad because he has some or a lot of pain. As the person to choose the face that best describes how he/she is feeling.

- ➤ Face 0 is very happy because he doesn't hurt at all
- ➢ Face 2 hurts just a little bit
- ➢ Face 4 hurts a little more
- Face 6 hurts even more
- ➢ Face 8 hurts a whole lot
- Face 10 hurts as much as you can imagine, although you don't have to be crying to feel this bad.

