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	expression or smile	frown, withdrawn,	frown.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[®] 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.

