

**The Ottawa Hospital
Acute Pain Service (APS)
EPIDURAL INFUSION (OPIOID/LOCAL ANESTHETIC)
INCREASING GUIDELINE FOR INADEQUATE ANALGESIA**

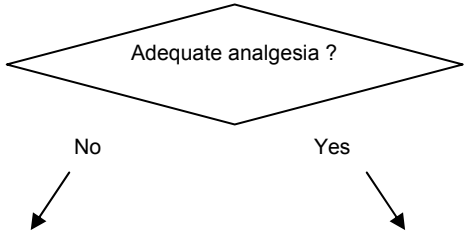
- CRITERIA FOR USE**
1. Within 48 hours post-op
 2. Inadequate analgesia – pain preventing movement
 3. Motor block = 0
 4. Patient alert; easily roused
 5. Stable BP - no drop SBP \leq 30 mmHg from pre-epidural baseline
 6. Not at upper infusion range ordered
- Consider pain location (pain not related to surgical procedure); pump working, no kinks in tubing, connections intact, catheter leaking at exit site**

DEFINITIONS:

Assess:
 Pain: rest / activity
 Level of Sedation
 Respiratory rate
 Blood Pressure
 Sensory level
 Motor block

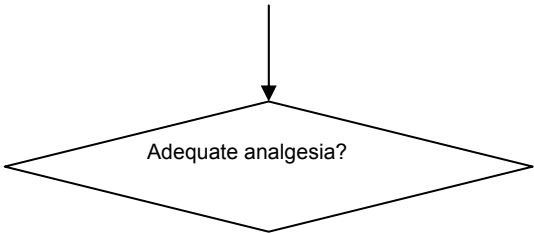
Adequate Analgesia:
 VAS \leq 3 rest, \leq 5 activity;
 pain not preventing movement; satisfied with pain control (use clinical judgment if pain scores do not meet criteria)

1. Administer Nurse Controlled Bolus (NCB) of 4 ml AND Increase infusion by 2 ml/hr
2. Assess after 30 minutes



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1. Maintain infusion rate
2. Assess q 4 h



No

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