



Provincial Health Services Authority

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## PROTOCOL CODE: SCPAINSU

(SUFentanyl FOR INCIDENT PAIN BY SUBLINGUAL ROUTE)

### DOCTOR'S ORDERS

**REMINDER:** Please ensure drug allergies and previous bleomycin are documented on the Allergy & Alert Form

**DATE:**

**SUFentanyl DOSAGE REGIMEN:** Monitoring as per doctor's orders is required.

- ☐ 12.5 mcg **sublingual** PRN. May repeat every 5 minutes, up to a maximum of 3 doses in 1-hr period (starting dose for opioid naïve patients).
- ☐ 25 mcg **sublingual** PRN. May repeat every 5 minutes, up to a maximum of 3 doses in 1-hr period (starting dose for opioid tolerant patients).

### **MONITORING: FOR FIRST 1-HR PERIOD ONLY**

Monitor sedation level (**POSS**), respiratory rate (RR) & pain scale at baseline, 5 mins, 10 mins & 25 mins after doses in the first 1-hr period only. If 3 doses used in the first 1-hr period, monitoring as above is required for all 3 doses.

#### **Pasero Opioid Sedation Scale (POSS)**

S = Sleep, easy to rouse

1 = Awake and alert

2 = slight drowsy, easily roused

3 = Frequently drowsy, rousable, drifts off to sleep during conversation

4 = Somnolent, minimal or no response to verbal and physical stimulation

**No  
Pain**

**PAIN SCALE**

**Worst  
Possible**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**TREATMENT OF OPIOID INDUCED RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION:** For POSS score =3 and respiratory rate 8 breaths/minute or greater

Apply oxygen to maintain SpO2 above 92% or baseline

**naloxone** 0.1 mg subcutaneously PRN. May repeat every 2 minutes until POSS score is less than 3 and respiratory rate is 8 breaths/min or greater. Do not give any scheduled opioid until fully alert. Notify provider if naloxone administered.

**TREATMENT OF OPIOID OVERDOSE:** For POSS score=4 and/or respiratory rate less than 8 breaths/minute or hypoxic patients

Apply oxygen to maintain SpO2 above 92% or baseline

**naloxone** 0.2 mg intramuscularly PRN. May repeat every 2 minutes until POSS score is less than 3 and respiratory rate is 8 breaths/min or greater. Notify provider if naloxone administered.

**DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE:**

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