

Patient-Controlled Analgesia (PCA) for People with OUD

- Hydromorphone 1 mg IV or fentanyl 50 mcg IV per button push q 8 minutes lock out

- Nursing bolus: hydromorphone 1 mg IV or fentanyl 50 mcg IV (do not give if sedated or respiratory rate <12)

- No continuous

- No maximum

Considerations

The use of PCA is a best practice in the setting of a patient with OUD who is being admitted for an acutely painful condition.

Patients with OUD can have a very high tolerance – if the patients' vital signs are within normal limits, the dose is not too high.

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