PROVIDER ORDERS
ADULT EPIDURAL
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PLEASE DATE, TIME AND SIGN ALL ORDERS. INCLUDE BEEPER AND PAS NUMBER WITH SIGNATURE. FLAG ORDERS FOR STAT OR ROUTINE.

ALLERGIES

NEW ORDER

Date & Time (24 Hour) 

ORDERS (OTHER THAN MEDICATIONS)

1. Starting in PACU, monitor and record:
BP, Pulse, Respirations, Pulse Ox q 1 hr x 4, q 2 hr x 8,
then q 4 hr until Epidural pump discontinued.

****Any increase in basal rate or administration of a bolus dose must return to most frequent monitoring schedule ****

2. Notify Anesthesia for the following:
Resp. Rate < 10
SPO2 < 90%
Sedation Level > 4
Dermatome Level T6 or above
Pain Score > 5
Changes in epidural cath site or catheter breakage.

3. Emergency Response:
If respiratory rate less than 8 or patient is obtunded/unarousable/LOS > 4:
Stop Epidural
Give Narcan per order
Stat page Resp. Therapy
Stat page Anesthesia overhead page Administer 100% O2
by non-rebreather face mask.
Notify appropriate House Officer

4. General:
O2 setup at bedside
O2 _____ L/min via nasal cannula
Foley Catheter to remain for duration of Epidural
Maintain IV Access

MEDICATION ORDERS (EXCEPT ANTIBIOTICS)

R. DISCONTINUE ALL OTHER NARCOTICS NO NARCOTICS, SEDATIVES, OR OTHER CNS DEPRESSANTS TO BE GIVEN EXCEPT BY ORDER OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST OR ANESTHESIA PAIN CONSULTANT.

☐ Fentanyl 5 mcg/cc + Bupivacaine (Marcaine) (0.125%) by PCA pump via epidural catheter.
Total Vol = 250 cc in normal saline.

BASAL RATE _____ cc/hr; Maximum Rate _____ cc/hr

Titrating instructions: If no pain decrease rate to _____ cc/hr. If pain > 4, increase rate to _____ cc/hr.
Nursing Double check / /

EMERGENCY RESPONSE
Naloxone (Narcan) 0.1 mg IV STAT - repeat q 2 min.
x 4 doses for respiratory rate less than 8, patient unarousable or obtunded

ANTI-EMETICS

Scheduled
☐ Metoclopramide (Reglan) 10 mg IV q 6 hr

As Needed
☐ Droperidol (Inapsine) 0.625 mg IV q 4 hr pm
Nausea/vomiting

** Do not order Droperidol if QTc>440 msec for adult males QTc>450 msec for adult females - patients must undergo 12 lead ECG prior to ordering to determine if prolonged QT interval is present.
Normal adult value = <0.425 sec.
☐ Ondansetron (Zofran) 4 mg q 6 hr IV/PO pm
nausea
☐ Promethazine (Phenergan) 5 mg IV (May repeat in 10 min.) q 4 hr pm nausea

OPIOD-INDUCED ITCHING
☐ Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) 25-50 mg IV/PO q 6 hr pm
☐ Naloxone (Narcan) 1 mg/Liter of maintenance fluid to run at the current IV fluid rate (range 80-100 ml/hr) for severe itching that is not responsive to diphenhydramine.

CONSTIPATION
☐ Senna (Senokot) 2 tabs PO bid
☐ Docusate Sodium (Colace) 100 mg. PO bid
☐ Lactulose 30 cc PO x 1 if no BM by 6 p.m. tomorrow
☐ Bisacodyl (Dulcolax) Suppository 1 per rectum if no BM by tomorrow and pm
☐ Fleet's enema x1 per rectum if no BM

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**ADDITIONAL ANALGESICS**

- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) 650 mg PO q 4 hr pm  
  Mild pain or Temp. > 38.5°C
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) 650 mg q 4 hr for  
  adjunctive pain therapy while on PCA
- Ibuprofen* (Motrin) 400 mg PO q 6 hr pm (with  
  food)
- Rofecoxib* (Vioxx) 12.5 mg PO qd
- Ketorolac* (Toradol) 30 mg IV q 6 hr pm x 3 days

*Must be approved by surgeon for orthopedic or  
  neurosurgery patient*

**MUSCLE RELAXANTS**

- Diazepam 2.5 - 5 mg IV or PO q8 hrs pm

**WHEN EPIDURAL DISCONTINUED - Analgesics**

- Oxycodone 5 mg and Acetaminophen 325 mg  
  (Percocet) 1 - 2 tabs PO q 4 hr pm  
  (maximum of 12 tabs in 24 hr period)
- Morphine 1 - 4 mg IV q 2 hr pm  
  May repeat in 10 minutes pm x 2.