Naïve to Tolerant Pain Management

Level 1 Opioid Tolerance Patients

Consider the following:

Acetaminophen	325mg 2 tablets PO Q4hr PRN mild pain
KetoROLAC	15mg IVP q6hr PRN mild-moderate pain x 48 hours (caution in elderly, NSAID allergy, or impaired renal function)
Norco *-OR-* **Percocet**	5/325mg 1 tablet PO Q4hr PRN moderate pain 5/325mg 1 tablet PO Q4hr PRN moderate pain
Morphine IVP -OR- **HYDROmorphone IVP**	2mg IVP Q2hr PRN severe pain 0.2mg IVP Q2hr PRN severe pain

If patient frequently needs the Morphine IVP, consider increasing the Norco or Percocet to 2 tabs Q4hrs

Level 2 Opioid Tolerance Patients

Consider the following:

KetoROLAC	15mg IVP q6hr PRN mild-moderate pain x 48 hours (caution in elderly, NSAID allergy, or impaired renal function)
Norco -OR- **Percocet**	7.5/325mg 2 tabs PO Q4hr PRN mild-moderate pain 7.5/325mg 2 tabs PO Q4hr PRN mild-moderate pain
OXYcodone	IR 10mg PO Q4hr PRN moderate pain, give between the Norco or Percocet doses for breakthrough pain
Morphine IVP -OR- **HYDROmorphone IVP**	4mg IVP Q2hr PRN severe pain 0.5mg IVP Q2hr PRN severe pain
Morphine PCA -OR- **HYDROmorphone PCA**	PCA 2mg IV q10minutes, maximum dose of 48mg in 4 hours PCA 0.2mg IV q10minutes, maximum dose of 4.8mg in 4 hours

Level 3 Opioid Tolerance Patients

Consider the following:

KetoROLAC	30mg IVP q6hr PRN moderate pain x 48 hours (caution in elderly, NSAID allergy, or impaired renal function)
Norco -OR- **Percocet**	10/325mg 2 tabs PO Q4hr PRN mild-moderate pain 10/325mg 2 tabs PO Q4hr PRN mild-moderate pain
OXYcodone	IR 20mg PO Q4hr PRN moderate pain, give between the Norco or Percocet doses for breakthrough pain
Morphine IVP -OR- **HYDROmorphone IVP**	6mg IVP Q2hr PRN severe pain 1mg IVP Q2hr PRN severe pain
Morphine PCA -OR- **HYDROmorphone PCA**	PCA 3mg IV q10minutes, maximum dose of 72mg in 4 hours PCA 0.5mg IV q10minutes, maximum dose of 12mg in 4 hours

Opioid Naïve vs. Opioid Tolerant?

Based on your patient's baseline opioid use, assign an Opioid Tolerance Level. Use their daily intake for the past 6 weeks and the table below to determine tolerance.

Drugs	Level 1 *opioid naïve*	Level 2 *opioid "experienced"*	Level 3 *opioid tolerant*
OXYcodone	NO opioid or sparse, intermittent /PRN exposure within the past 6 weeks	10-60 mg	61 mg or more
hydroCODONE		15-90 mg	91 mg or more
morphine		15-90 mg	91 mg or more
fentaNYL patch		25 mcg or less	More than 25 mcg
methadone		Up to 20 mg	21 mg or more
HYDROmorphone	Less than 4 mg	4-22 mg	More than 22 mg