

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
 POLICY / PROCEDURE / PROTOCOL

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SUBJECT: PEDIATRIC TREATMENT PROTOCOL
 PAIN MANAGEMENT

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess level of pain • Ice, immobilize, and splint PRN • Elevate extremity trauma PRN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor and reassess pain as appropriate <p>Treatment PRN if signs of adequate perfusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <10 kg, fentanyl IV/IN per drug chart BHO, MR BHO • ≥10 kg, fentanyl IV/IN per drug chart SO, MR BHO • If fentanyl unavailable, morphine IV/IM per drug chart SO, MR BHO • Acetaminophen* IV per drug chart SO x1, infuse over 15 min <p>Special considerations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changing route of administration requires BHO (e.g., IV to IM or IN to IV) 2. Changing type of opioid analgesic while treating patient requires BHO (e.g., changing from morphine to fentanyl) 3. BHPO required for treatment if patient presents with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolated head injury • Acute onset severe headache • Drug/EtOH intoxication • Multiple trauma with GCS <15 • Suspected active labor
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*IV acetaminophen contraindicated if patient <2 years of age