

## Home Health VNA IV Medication Clinical Fact Sheet

NOTE: THIS IS A PART B DRUG UNDER THE NEW HIT BENEFIT

Medicare patients may only be accepted under contract with New England Life Care and clinician must follow specific documentation instructions

IV Medication: Hydromorphone/ Dilaudid, Dilaudid  
HP Risk Level: 2

Med Class: Pain - Narcotic analgesic

Common Uses: Pain management

Labs to Monitor: 0

May be given Epidural, SC, IV, VS,  
Hypotension, Respiratory depression,  
Diminished GI motility-Bowel program.  
Caution in Elderly, 7 times more potent  
than Morphine, Dilaudid HP more potent  
than Dilaudid- Do Not confuse. If Epidural-  
Must be preservative free, No alcohol use  
on line or caps, use pump-label EPIDURAL  
ONLY on tubing, 0.2 micron filter, NO  
FLUSHING.

Instructions/Precautions: \_\_\_\_\_

First Dose Allowed:  N  
Central Line Only:  Y IF IV  
IV Push:  N  
Vesicant:  N

See Procedure Manual: Epidural Intrathecal Line and Infusion  
Therapy:Patient-controlled Analgesia

Notes: Only drugs listed as First Dose Allowed may be given in the home as a first dose and are considered for a first dose on a case by case basis by the IV Program Manager  
The IV Manager and/or Clinical Director must be consulted before a first dose referral is accepted

Risk Levels: n/a = Routinely given; Clinician must be approved to administer IV medications  
1= IV Program Mgr or Clinical Director approval before referral is accepted  
2= IV Program Mgr notification; Clinicians must review Special Instructions