

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