

**Home Health VNA  
IV Medication Clinical Fact Sheet**

IV Medication: Dolophine/Methadone Risk Level: 1

Med Class: Pain - Narcotic analgesic

Common Uses: Pain management

Labs to Monitor: BUN, Cr, LFTs

Instructions/Precautions: Dizziness, Light-headedness, Palpatations or Syncope, QT Prolongation, Respiratory depression, diminished GI motility-Bowel program, Titrate slowly. Bradycardia with higher doses.

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

See Procedure Manual: 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