

MeritCare Health System
ORDERS FOR TREATMENT

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CIRCLE NAME OF DRUG IF A
GENERIC EQUIVALENT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

DATE	TIME	DEXMEDETOMIDINE INFUSION – CCS
		(PLEASE CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)
		1. Loading Infusion
		Initiate infusion at 1 mcg/kg over 10 minutes
		2. Maintenance Infusion:
		A. Start at 0.2 mcg/kg/hour
		B. Increase at 0.1 mcg increments every 15 minutes to achieve desired effect
		C. Maximum dose of 1.5 mcg/kg/hour
		3. If desired sedative effect is not achieved with maximum dose of dexmedetomidine, use secondary agents as ordered in the sedation and analgesic protocol.
		4. If desired analgesic effect is not achieved with maximum dose of dexmedetomidine, use secondary agents as ordered in the sedation and analgesic protocol.
		Info:
		A. dexmedetomidine is an IV agent with a fast onset and rapid clearance best given by continuous IV infusion.
		B. Sedation with dexmedetomidine is unique, patients are clinically sedated, yet are easily roused and cooperative when stimulated and able to easily revert to their sleep-like state. This unique profile should not be considered a lack of sedative effect.
		C. Patients might be able to hear and understand any discussion of their case and the team should take care that anything likely to alarm the patient should be discussed out of hearing range.
		D. dexmedetomidine has an analgesic effect in addition to its sedative effect.
		Provider_____ Date____/____/____ Time____:____ Beeper #_____

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