# **Trauma Pain Management Guideline for Adult Patients**

- Expectations for pain control should be discussed with the patient and/or family members. Pain is expected in patients with traumatic injuries, but the goal is to manage pain so that patients can participate in therapies and improve health.
- Pain should be assessed daily. De-escalation of pain medication should be considered daily.
  - o Transition from IV to oral and to nonopioid therapy as soon as possible.
  - o If ongoing opioid therapy is necessary, consider decreasing the dose or expanding the interval to reduce total use.
  - o Discuss nonpharmacologic options available for pain management, such as hot/cold packs, music, massage, or aromatherapy.
  - Maximize use of nonopioid medications (including acetaminophen, NSAIDs, and lidocaine patch or icy/hot).
- **Enteral route is preferred** and should be used when possible.

# <u> Tier 1</u>

Scheduled acetaminophen

AND/OR

Scheduled NSAID (ibuprofen, naproxen, celecoxib, ketorolac)

### Tier 2

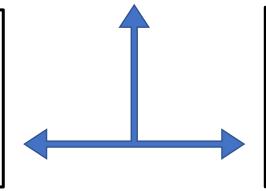
Tier 1 regimen

**PLUS** 

**PRN oxycodone Immediate Release OR Tramadol** 

AND/OR

PRN IV hydromorphone for breakthrough pain



# Tier 3

IV opioid drip

AND/OR

Low-dose ketamine infusion

OR

PCA\*

# **Rib Fractures:**

• Consider On-Q if >2 rib fractures

# **Neuropathic pain:**

Gabapentin 300 mg PO TID

- Renal impairment (CrCl< 50mL/min): 100 mg PO TID
- Avoid use in renal failure

## **Bowel Regimen:**

Tier 2 and 3 when opioid is used: add stimulant laxative

Senna 8.6mg BID

+/- PEG +/- docusate +/- suppository

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<sup>\*</sup> Limit PCA use to <3 days if possible: add Tier 2 regimen and de-escalate from Tier 3 as tolerated

### **Inpatient Medication Selection and Dosing:**

- Acetaminophen
  - 1,000 mg PO q6h (max 4,000 mg daily)
  - o Consider a maximum of <2,000-3,000 mg daily in hepatic impairment or older adults

#### NSAIDs:

- Use cautiously in elderly, history of peptic ulcer disease, hepatic or renal impairment, CHF or post-CABG
- o May be used short-term (<2 weeks) in patients with orthopedic fractures
- o Ibuprofen 400 mg, 600 mg or 800 mg PO q6h or q8h (max 2,400 mg daily)
  - eGFR 30 to <60: do not use if at risk for acute kidney injury</li>
  - eGFR <30: do not use
- Celecoxib 200 mg PO q12h (max 400mg daily)
- Naproxen 500mg PO q12h or 250 mg PO q6h or q8h (max 1,000 mg daily)
  - CrCl <30: use not recommended, avoid use in advanced renal disease</li>
- Ketorolac 10-30 mg IV or IM q6h (max of 40mg daily and max of 5 days)
  - Limit dose to 10-15 mg IV q6h if weight <50kg, older age, or renal impairment</li>
  - Contraindicated in patients with advanced renal impairment or at risk for renal failure
- o May cause bleeding, anemia, hyperkalemia, hypertension

### Oxycodone:

- o 5 10 mg PO q4h or q6h as needed
- CrCl <60 mL/min: initiate at low end of dosage range and use cautiously</li>
- If intolerance to oxycodone, consider hydrocodone/acetaminophen (Norco) but limit acetaminophen total quantity to less than 4,000 mg/day.

#### Tramadol

- 50 100 mg PO q6h (max 400 mg daily)
- > 75 years old max 300 mg daily
- CrCl <30 mL/min: extend interval to q12h (max 200 mg daily)</li>
- Severe hepatic impairment: 50 mg PO q12h
- Avoid use in pediatrics due to increased risk of death
- Note: increased seizure risk in patients with head trauma, concomitant use of drugs that lower seizure threshold (bupropion), CNS infections or seizure disorders

#### Hydromorphone

- 0.1 0.5 mg IV q3h (use smallest dose and range possible)
- o In renal/hepatic impairment: use cautiously and monitor for respiratory and CNS depression

#### Gabapentin

- o 300 mg PO TID
- o CrCl < 50 mL/min: 100 mg PO TID
- Use with caution in elderly, renal failure or chronic lung conditions
- o May cause respiratory depression and sedation, especially in patients taking concomitant opioids
- Best data for neuropathic pain
- May require taper if used longer than 7 days

#### Ketamine

- Ketamine for Pain Control Order Set
- o 0.1-0.3 mg/kg/hr infusion
- Use with caution in patients with uncontrolled hypertension
- May cause increase in intracranial pressure, hypertension, tachycardia, psychosis
- o Note: most data as adjunct for pain management in chronic opioid users

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dowell D, Haegerich TM, Chou R. CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain — United States, 2016. MMWR Recomm Rep 2016;65(No. RR-1):1–49. DOI: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.rr6501e1">http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.rr6501e1</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ACS Trauma Quality Programs. Best Practices Guidelines for Acute Pain Management in Trauma Patients. November 2020.

### Discharge:

- 1. Goal for opioid-naïve patients is no opioids upon discharge. Use nonopioids and nonpharmacologic options.
- 2. If opioids are necessary, assess and minimize risk of opioid use<sup>1</sup>
  - a. Check Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)
  - b. Avoid use in patients with moderate to severe sleep-disordered breathing when possible
  - c. Use additional caution in patients with the following: 65 years and older, renal or hepatic insufficiency, anxiety or depression, drug or alcohol use disorders, or chronic pulmonary disease.
  - d. Avoid combination of opioids and benzodiazepines, when possible.
- 3. Use chart to determine quantity, dosing and day supply 7 day supply or less is recommended¹ (<25% of patients need more than 7 day supply)
  - a. Per CDC Guidelines, limit daily opioid dose to less than 50 MMEs (milligram morphine equivalents) and do NOT exceed 90 MME per day.<sup>1</sup>
  - b. Recommend a bowel regimen with stimulant laxative while using opioid therapy.
  - c. Recommend tapering off opioids completely as soon as possible.

# Discharge Prescription Guideline for Oxycodone 5mg Tablets

|                      | Smart<br>Phrase in<br>the EMR  | Patient's Use of<br>Oxycodone in<br>Last 24 hours | Quantity of Oxycodone 5mg tablets | Day<br>Supply | Oxycodone 5mg SIG   |  |  |
|----------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|--|--|
| Less than 50 MME/day | .oxy5  | 5 mg  | 5                                 | 5             | Take 1 tablet every 12 hours as needed for pain. Max of 1 tablet per day.   |  |  |
|                      | .oxy10   | 10 mg   | 6                                 | 5             | Take <b>1</b> tablet every 8 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 2</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1 tablet per day.               |  |  |
|                      | .oxy15   | 15 mg   | 8                                 | 5             | Take <b>1</b> tablet every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 3</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.            |  |  |
|                      | .oxy20   | 20 mg   | 11                                | 5             | Take <b>1</b> tablet every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 4</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.            |  |  |
|                      | .oxy25   | 25 mg   | 17                                | 7             | Take 1-2 tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. Max of 5 tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.                       |  |  |
|                      | .oxy30   | 30 mg   | 22                                | 7             | Take <b>1-2</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 6</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.         |  |  |
| 50-90 MME/day        | .oxy35   | 35 mg   | 28                                | 7             | Take <b>1-2</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max</b> of <b>7</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.  |  |  |
|                      | .oxy40   | 40 mg   | 35                                | 7             | Take 1-2 tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. Max of 8 tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.                       |  |  |
|                      | .oxy45   | 45 mg   | 42                                | 7             | Take <b>1-3</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max</b> of 9 tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.         |  |  |
|                      | .oxy50   | 50 mg   | 49                                | 7             | Take <b>1-3</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 10</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.        |  |  |
|                      | .oxy55   | 55 mg   | 56                                | 7             | Take <b>1-3</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 11</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.        |  |  |
|                      | .oxy60   | 60 mg   | 63                                | 7             | Take <b>1-3</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max</b> of <b>12</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day. |  |  |
| P                    | Any amount above this exceeds 90 MME/day and is not recommended by the CDC for acute pain management |   |                                   |               |   |  |  |

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Hydrocodone/APAP 5/325 Tablets

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|   | Smart<br>Phrase in<br>the EMR | Patient's Previous <u>24</u> hour Inpatient Use of Hydrocodone/APAP 5mg/325mg | Prescribed<br>quantity of<br>Hydrocodone/<br>APAP 5mg/325mg<br>tablets | Day<br>Supply | Hydrocodone/APAP 5mg/325mg SIG  **Sig dot phrases will include "Do not exceed 4,000mg of acetaminophen per day"                     |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------|---|--|---------------|---|--|--|
|   | .norco1                       | 1 tablet<br>(5mg/325mg)   | 5  | 5             | Take <b>1</b> tablet by mouth every 12 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 1</b> tablet per day.                                    |  |  |
|   | .norco2                       | 2 tablets<br>(10mg/650mg)   | 6  | 5             | Take <b>1</b> tablet every 8 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 2</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1 tablet per day.               |  |  |
|   | .norco3                       | 3 tablets<br>(15mg/975mg)   | 8  | 5             | Take <b>1</b> tablet every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 3</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.            |  |  |
| /day  | .norco4                       | 4 tablets<br>(20mg/1300mg)  | 11   | 5             | Take <b>1</b> tablet every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 4</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day             |  |  |
| Less than 50 MME/day                                  | .norco5                       | 5 tablets<br>(25mg/1625mg)  | 17   | 7             | Take <b>1-2</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 5</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day          |  |  |
| Less tha  | .norco6                       | 6 tablets<br>(30mg/1950mg)  | 22   | 7             | Take <b>1-2</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 6</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day          |  |  |
|   | .norco7                       | 7 tablets<br>(35mg/2,275mg)   | 28   | 7             | Take <b>1-2</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 7</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.         |  |  |
|   | .norco8                       | 8 tablets<br>(40mg/2,600mg)   | 35   | 7             | Take <b>1-2</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain.  Max of 8 tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.               |  |  |
|   | .norco9                       | 9 tablets<br>(45mg/2,925mg)   | 42   | 7             | Take <b>1-3</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 9</b> tablets per day. Decrease by <b>1-2</b> tablets per day.  |  |  |
| 50-90 MME/day   | .norco10                      | 10 tablets<br>(50mg/3,250mg)  | 49   | 7             | Take <b>1-3</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 10</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.        |  |  |
|   | .norco11                      | 11 tablets<br>(55mg/3,575mg)  | 56   | 7             | Take <b>1-3</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 11</b> tablets per day. Decrease by <b>1-2</b> tablets per day. |  |  |
|   | .norco12                      | 12 tablets<br>(60mg/3,900mg)  | 63   | 7             | Take <b>1-3</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 12</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.        |  |  |
| Maximum acetaminophen (APAP) dose is 4,000mg per day. |                               |   |  |               |   |  |  |

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Tramadol 50mg Tablets

|   | Smart Phrase<br>in EMR | Patient's Previous <u>24</u><br>hour Inpatient Use of<br>tramadol 50mg | Prescribed<br>quantity of<br>tramadol 50mg | Day<br>Supply | Tramadol 50mg SIG  |  |  |  |
|---|------------------------|--|--|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Less than 50 MME/day                    | .tramadol50            | 50mg   | 5  | 5             | Take <b>1</b> tablet by mouth every 12 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 1</b> tablet per day.                                   |  |  |  |
|   | .tramadol100           | 100mg  | 6  | 5             | Take <b>1</b> tablet every 8 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 2</b> tablets per day. Decrease by <b>1</b> tablet per day.       |  |  |  |
|   | .tramadol150           | 150mg  | 8  | 5             | Take <b>1</b> tablet every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 3</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.           |  |  |  |
|   | .tramadol200           | 200mg  | 11   | 5             | Take <b>1</b> tablet every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 4</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day            |  |  |  |
|   | .tramadol250           | 250mg  | 17   | 7             | Take <b>1-2</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 5</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day         |  |  |  |
|   | .tramadol300           | 300mg  | 22   | 7             | Take <b>1-2</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 6</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day         |  |  |  |
|   | .tramadol350           | 350mg  | 28   | 7             | Take <b>1-2</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 7</b> tablets per day. Decrease by 1-2 tablets per day.        |  |  |  |
|   | .tramadol400           | 400mg  | 35   | 7             | Take <b>1-2</b> tablets every 6 hours as needed for pain. <b>Max of 8</b> tablets per day. Decrease by <b>1-2</b> tablets per day. |  |  |  |
| Maximum tramadol dose is 400mg per day. |                        |  |  |               |  |  |  |  |

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