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PROTOCOL FOR EPIDURAL INFUSION

Name ADAM STRAIN Date 16/3/92
Hosp No 311377 DOB 4/8/91 Operation Femoral fracture

Prescription of Epidural Infusion:

The epidural will be sited aseptically and covered with bio-occlusive dressing. The site should be inspected 24 hourly. The standard dose is; 40mls 0.25% Marcain and 10mls ~~Fentanyl~~ ^{WATER} in 50 ml syringe.

1. 0.2 mls/kg given in theatre prior to surgery.
2. Infusion rate 0.15 mls/kg/hour
3. Infusion dose increased by 10-20% of initial.
(Maximum rate of 0.2 ml/kg/hr.)
4. DO NOT give iv or im PETHIDINE or MORPHINE

Observations:

1. TPR & BP initially every 15 minutes then 6 hourly.
2. The syringe setting and dose to be checked hourly.
3. Syringe changes will be the responsibility of the prescribing anaesthetist; CALL if problems.
4. Pain & sedation scores 6 hourly.

Problems:

If respiratory rate < 10/minute; OR BP < 70 mmHg

1. STOP infusion
2. Call Doctor
3. Manage airway/breathing etc. (ie. RESUSCITATE)
4. Give Naloxone 0.01 mg/kg i.v.
5. Prepare to give HPPF 10 mls/kg