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Intravenous Titration Policy/Protocol

POLICY:

~~It is the policy to ensure that intravenous medications requiring titration are administered as directed by the standardized titration protocol for the initiation and titration, unless otherwise specified by the physician.~~

1. It is the policy to ensure that intravenous medications requiring titration are administered as indicated by the physician/provider's order.
2. When specific dosing parameters are not specified by the prescriber's order, the standardized titration protocol for the initiation and titration will be followed (see Attachment PSJH Adult Continuous Infusion Medication Titration Guidelines).
    a. Disease specific order sets may contain one or more medications with parameters and/or dosing ranges that vary from these general guidelines. Any such variances have been clinically reviewed and should not be considered outside standard of care. Priority should be given to any provider supplied parameters or disease specific order set instructions before referencing the guideline chart attached.

GOALS:

1. Increase patient safety by providing default dosing parameters for titratable IV infusions when not specified by the prescriber's order. ~~This should improve consistency of use while providing~~These guidelines provide guidance to the practitioners administering the medications.

PROCEDURE:

1. Intravenous medications requiring titration must be administered via an infusion pump. Drug library guardrails shall be utilized whenever possible.
2. Intravenous medications requiring titration are initiated and titrated as directed by the ~~standardized titration protocol listed in Appendix 1 (Providence System's Adult Continous Infusion Medication Titration Guidelines) unless otherwise specified by the ordering~~ physician/provider's order.
3. When the order does not contain specific dosing parameters, utilize the standardized titration protocol contained in the Attachment **PSJH Adult Continuous Infusion Medication Titration Guidelines.**
4. Notify the ordering physician/provider when desired response is not obtained at the upper limit of usual dose range or if higher ~~or~~than maximum dose is needed.

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5. New orders are to be entered into the patient's chart for any administration deviating outside of the dosing parameters specified in the physician/provider's order or the standardized titration protocol if not otherwise specified by the physician/prescriber.
6. Palliative care patients are exempt from ~~this~~following the standardized titration protocol.
7. Notify physician/provider for adverse or untoward effects experienced. Refer to guidelines for default notification parameters.
8. All actions taken by the pharmacist for pharmacy-directed protocols will be documented in the electronic medical record.

Attachments

PSJH Adult Continuous Infusion Medication Titration Guidelines (May 2019)

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