

Administering PRN Pain Medications

PRN pain medications are commonly prescribed to address various types of pain. It is crucial to adhere to the prescribed orders and administer the medication that aligns with the patient's reported level of pain.

- ❑ As a general guideline, mild pain is considered 1-3, moderate pain 4-6, and severe pain 7-10.
- ❑ Pain Interventions are provided based on the patient's treatment plan for pain.
- ❑ Pain rating must be documented prior to the administration of PRN pain medication.
- ❑ Pain rating levels are reassessed within 1 hour after PRN pain administration by any route.
 - To help caregivers complete this documentation within 1 hour of administration, the pain reassessment reminder task fires 30 minutes after administration.

PRN Mild Pain (1-3)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOTE: Only select one of the below options if you have not selected a scheduled medication.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ketorolac (Toradol)	Ordered
PRN Moderate Pain (4-6)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOTE: Select one enteral option. Reserve IV meds for patients unable to take enteral medications.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	oxycodone (oxyCODONE immediate release)	Ordered
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HYDRomorphone (Dilaudid)	Ordered
PRN Severe Pain (7-10)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOTE: Select one enteral option. Reserve IV meds for patients unable to take enteral medications.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	oxycodone (oxyCODONE immediate release)	Ordered
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HYDRomorphone (Dilaudid)	Ordered
Refractory Pain		
<input type="checkbox"/>	NOTE: May be administered 45 minutes after prn dose, if pain remains at moderate to severe level.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HYDRomorphone (Dilaudid)	Completed