



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



Clinical Advisory

To: Advanced Paramedics
c.c.: NAS Leadership Team
From: Medical Director
Date: March 13th 2012
Subject: **ADMINISTRATION OF MORPHINE SULPHATE INTRAMUSCULAR INJECTIONS**

Dear colleagues,

The administration of morphine sulphate IM by Advanced Paramedics is permitted under special authorisation as per CPG 4/5/6.2.6 when IV access is not possible in a stable patient and where pain is non-cardiac related.

The IM dose of morphine is 10mg, as presented in the 1ml ampoule currently supplied. This should be drawn up UNDILUTED and given slowly into the biggest muscle available. This should ensure the maximum bioavailability of the drug for the patient in the minimal amount of fluid for the IM site.

If morphine has been drawn up in 10mg/10ml for IV use and IV access has been unsuccessful, then the IV dose must be disposed as per policy document no: NASCG006 Management of Controlled Drugs.

NB: The preparation of morphine should be done after IV access has been attempted to ensure that wastage is kept to a minimum and medication administration errors are avoided.

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