

NAME: _____ NHI: _____

GENDER: _____ DOB: _____ AGE: _____ WARD: _____

Intraspinal analgesia nursing checklist

Refer to Volume D Nursing Standards, Policies and Procedures Surgical section for standard CDHB pre and post op care

Pre-operative

Procedure date: _____

Procedure will be performed in the operating theatre and will take about 90 minutes total time.

Clear fluids (water, juice, black tea or coffee) only for six hours prior, no fluids for 2 hours prior.

- ☐ Yes MSU / CSU done
- ☐ Yes CBC done
- ☐ Yes Coag screen done
- ☐ Yes Consent done
- ☐ Yes Attach investigation results where relevant
- ☐ Yes Check availability of the appropriate ambulatory infusion pump (Bodyguard 545™)
- ☐ Yes Complete Pre-operative Patient Nursing Care Plan (C170003)

Send the following items with the patient to theatre

- ☐ Yes Algoline intrathecal catheter kit
- ☐ Yes Two Tegaderm CHG dressings
- ☐ Yes Two 0.2 micron Portex bacterial filters

Post operative

1. The patient will return to the ward with the catheter in place and one filter attached.
2. The Anaesthetist will have completed the prescription on the C260036.
3. Ensure an "intrathecal" tubing sticker is attached to identify which is the intrathecal line.
4. When the prescription is made up the pump may be attached as soon as is convenient.
5. Place a piece of Comfeel under the two 0.2 micron filters in a convenient position on the abdominal wall and cover with an occlusive dressing. Loose coils of catheter should also be secured with an occlusive dressing. These are to protect the filters and loose coils, not to keep them sterile.
6. IV fluids will be prescribed for at least 48 hours – the patient may eat and drink as desired.
7. Record blood pressure and heart rate every 30 minutes for 2 hours then hourly for 4 hours.
8. Record QID temp, heart rate and blood pressure for at least 48 hours.
9. Patient may shower if he/she wishes with all equipment in a plastic bag (must **not** take a bath).
10. Oral or subcutaneous morphine dose will usually be **halved** from time of commencement epidural infusion, and then gradually withdrawn over approximately one week.

Name

Designation

Signature

Date