EAST LANCASHIRE HEALTH ECONOMY TOPICAL MORPHINE GUIDELINES



Treatment Procedure

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- Sterile dressing pack containing; plastic tray, apron, gloves, gauze swabs, sterile field, disposable bag.
- 0.9% sodium chloride for irrigating/cleaning wound.
- Activeheal Foam Island dressing or Tegaderm film dressing. If unsuitable use alternative foam dressing from wound care formulary.
- Intrasite gel 8g.
- Morphine Sulphate injection 10mg.
- 2ml syringe & filter needle
- Plastic probe for mixing gel and morphine.
- Sterile spatula.
- Sharps bin

PROCEDURE

- 1. Check authorisation and appropriate documentation.
- 2. Record pain score as reported by patient.
- 3. Explain and discuss the procedure with the patient and obtain consent to proceed.
- 4. Prepare clean dressing field area as per Trust guidelines.
- 5. Draw up morphine sulphate 10mg and mix with Intrasite Gel 8g in sterile plastic tray.
- 6. Remove old dressing and irrigate/cleanse the wound with saline.
- 7. Note size, appearance, odour and exudate from wound to document in notes.
- 8. Apply intrasite gel and morphine solution directly to wound bed or onto dressing.
- 9. Apply secondary dressing to wound.
- 10. Dispose of any remaining mixture and any items which have been in contact with morphine in sharps bin.
- 11. Check that patient is comfortable and dressing is secure.
- 12. Complete documentation.
- 13. Record pain score 2 hours after dressing change.