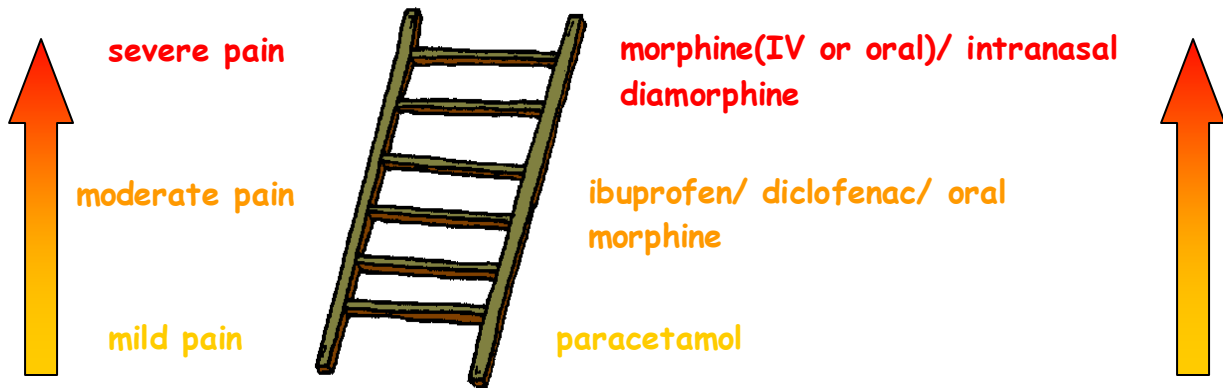


ANALGESIA GUIDELINES for ACUTE PAIN MANAGEMENT (PAEDIATRICS) in BGH (for > 3 months of age)



DRUG	DOSE		COMMENT
DIAMORPHINE	Refer to separate guideline for intranasal use		
		intravenous	
MORPHINE (for > 1 month of age)	Loading	0.1mg/kg over at least 5 minutes	
	Maintenance	Contact APS / Anaesthetist for infusion or PCA	
		oral	*PR
IBUPROFEN	Loading	10mg/kg	
	Maintenance	5mg/kg	
	Max.	30mg/kg/24hrs	
			1-3mths, 5mg/kg 3-4 x/day only
DICLOFENAC	Loading	1mg/kg	1mg/kg
	Maintenance	1mg/kg	1mg/kg
	Max.	3mg/kg/24hrs (max 50mg TDS)	
			Not licensed if <1 year of age. PR not licensed if <6 years of age
ORAL MORPHINE	Age-dependent	0.1mg/kg 1-6 months	0.2mg/kg 6-12 months
		0.3mg/kg 1-11 years	5-10mg 12 years+
	Max.	2.4mg/kg/24hrs	
			4 hrly prn prescription. May be prescribed with paracetamol and NSAIDs.
PARACETAMOL	Loading	20mg/kg	40mg/kg
	Maintenance	15mg/kg	15mg/kg
	Max.	75mg/kg/24hrs	
			1-3 months 30mg/kg PR loading dose 4 – 6hrly prn May be prescribed with regular NSAIDs

- *PR route should be reserved for patients with no oral intake
- **NSAIDs should be used with caution in children with asthma, hypersensitivity to any NSAID, at risk or established renal, hepatic or cardiac impairment. They should be avoided if there are current significant symptoms requiring oral steroids or if there is a history of emergency hospital admission for acute severe asthma.