

Pain management policy continued:

10. The resident's response to the medication will determine if adjustments should be made in dosage, route of administration and choice of drug. All adjustments will be made with appropriate physician's orders.
11. IV pain medications will be administered by an RN or IV certified LPN.
12. During IV pain therapy vital signs will be monitored on initial dose or dosage Change.
13. Topical over-the-counter creams for pain relief are to be assessed as other pain Medications are.
14. Nitroglycerin is not counted as a pain medication.
15. Interventions will include non-pharmacological treatments for pain as appropriate Physician's orders obtained as necessary. Methods and effectiveness of these therapies to be documented in the Care Plan and nurses notes.

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