

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

ACUTE PAIN SERVICE GUIDELINES FOR DISCONTINUING  
MORPHINE INFUSIONS FOLLOWING CORONARY ARTERY  
BYPASS GRAFT SURGERY

Patients should be prescribed Paracetamol 1g QDS and regular Nefopam 30 mgs (if not contraindicated).

If

the patient can take analgesia by another route e.g.  
Oral / PR / NG?

then

commence 30 mgs Codeine QDS + PRN  
(Max 240 mgs in 24 hrs)

- Give 1<sup>st</sup> dose of Codeine and then 30 minutes later discontinue Morphine infusion.
- Assess patients pain score after 30 minutes if patients pain score is > 5 give PRN dose of Codeine.

Reassess the patient's pain score at hourly intervals.

- If pain score remains > 5, give PRN dose of Oramorph.

Oramorph 10 mgs PRN for breakthrough pain (max 1 hourly)
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If pain is not controlled with Oramorph a PCA may be required  
Contact APS for further advice.