

Patient Group Direction

Administration of PARACETAMOL SUSPENSION

By Registered Nurses employed by South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare
Foundation NHS Trust

**This Patient Group Direction for use in South Staffordshire & Shropshire
Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and is authorised by:**

Position of Signatory	Name	Signed	Date
Medical Director	Dr Abid Khan		
Chief Pharmacist	Cathy Riley		
Director of Quality & Clinical Development	Therèsa Moyes		
Director of Nursing	Alison Bussey		

**The named below, being employees of South Staffordshire & Shropshire
Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust , working in the Community Children's
Teams, are authorised to administer paracetamol suspension under this
Patient Group Direction**

Name	Job Title	Signed	Date

**This Patient Group Direction is operational from June 2017. Review
date: March 2019. Expires on 30th June 2019
This PGD replaces PGD 2115**

Professional Responsibility

All registered nurses and non medical prescribers being employees of South Staffordshire & Shropshire HealthCare NHS Foundation Trust, within the Community Children's teams, are authorised to administer Paracetamol, as specified under this Patient Group direction, following demonstration of the competencies below:

Professional Responsibility / Competencies

1. The registered nurse will have undertaken appropriate training to carry out clinical assessment of patient that requires treatment according to the indications listed in the PGD
2. All nurses will have received training in the management and treatment of anaphylactic shock on an annual basis
3. Each nurse will keep a record in their professional portfolio of the updates attended during every 12 month period – This information will also form part of the team's annual training plan
4. The nurse will have due regard for the NMC Code of Conduct, Scope of Professional Practice and Standards for Medicines Management
5. Undertaken appropriate training and possess the competencies for working under PGDs for the supply and administration of medicines
6. All registered nurses details and signature must be entered on the PGD.
7. Following administration a record of the date, and dose of the medicine should be recorded in the clients records, and within the As Required section of the medicine card (if applicable), with PGD Number being inserted in place of prescriber's instructions

**For full product information, always refer to the latest SPC
(Summary of Product Characteristics).**

If the anaphylaxis is related to a medication, please remember to report to the CSM, via a Yellow Card Report (<http://emc.medicines.org.uk>)

Administration of	Paracetamol 120mg/5ml Suspension 250mg/ 5ml suspension
Legal Classification	Pharmacy
Black Triangle?	No
Type	Suspension
Storage	Locked cupboard. Parents own supplies
Condition to be treated	Mild to moderate pain, pyrexia
Inclusion Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children aged 3 months and over, with mild to moderate pain and/ or pyrexia with discomfort
Exclusion Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renal or hepatic impairment • Hypersensitivity to paracetamol • Patient taking other medication containing paracetamol
Action if excluded or patient declines	<p>Advise parent or carer on additional measures to control temperature and / or pain.</p> <p>Advise parent or carer on indications or symptoms that would require further medical advice.</p>
Reasons for seeking further advice from doctor	Check most recent BNF for other drug interactions. Any doubt or if no response or any other symptoms of concern - refer to GP
Administration Route	Oral: Suspension: shake well before use, and measure dose with an oral syringe.
Dose	<u>Children:</u> 3 months-6months: 60mg every 4-6 hours 6months- 24months: 120mg every 4-6 hours 2-3 years: 180mg every 4-6 hours 4-5 years: 240mg every 4-6 hours 6-7 years: 240 -250 mg every 4-6 hours 8-9 years: 360 -375 mg every 4-6 hours 10-11 years: 480mg–500mg every 4-6 hours As per BNFc
Administration Schedule	Doses may be repeated every four to six hours as required, up to a maximum of 4 doses in 24 hours Total doses to be administered using the PGD- no more than 8 doses per month

<p>Warnings/Adverse Reactions</p>	<p>Side effects are rare, but rashes and blood disorders have been reported.</p> <p>For full details see Summary of Product Characteristics</p>
<p>Advice/Management of Adverse Reactions & Follow-up Action</p>	<p>Avoid taking /administering other medicines containing Paracetamol. Check use of OTC medicines</p> <p>Ensure follow up arrangements for further care as appropriate</p> <p>Ensure advice given is recorded in patients notes.</p> <p>Medicines for children leaflet: www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/paracetamol-for-mild-moderate-pain</p>
<p>Records</p>	<p>The following should be recorded in the patient's notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of preparation • Dose given • Route of administration • Date and time given • Signature of person administering the medicine • Reason for administration <p><u>and</u> the administration also recorded in the As Required section of the prescription record if applicable, with the PGD Number inserted in place of the prescriber's instructions.</p>