

Patient Group Direction

Administration of PARACETAMOL SUSPENSION (paediatric)

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
are authorised to administer paracetamol, to In Patients ,
under this Patient Group Direction**

Name	Job Title	Signed	Date

**This Patient Group Direction is operational from April 2017. Review
date: Feb 2019. Expires 30th April 2019.**

This replaces PGD 2415.

Professional Responsibility

All registered nurses and non medical prescribers being employees of South Staffordshire & Shropshire HealthCare NHS Foundation Trust are authorised to administer Paracetamol, as specified under this Patient Group direction, in an in-patient setting, 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, 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>)

Supply/Administration of	Paracetamol 120mg/5ml Suspension
Legal Classification	Pharmacy
Black Triangle?	No
Type	Suspension
Storage	Locked cupboard
Condition to be treated	Mild to moderate pain, pyrexia
Inclusion Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children 2 months (for post immunisation pyrexia only) • Children aged 3 months and over, with mild to moderate pain and/ or pyrexia
Exclusion Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children under 2 months(any indication) • Children under 3months (except for post immunisation pyrexia) • Renal or hepatic impairment • Hypersensitivity to paracetamol • Taking warfarin • Patient taking other medication containing paracetamol
Action if excluded or patient declines	Contact Duty Doctor
Reasons for seeking further advice from doctor	<p>Check most recent BNF for other drug interactions. Any doubt, refer to duty doctor.</p> <p>If no response, see duty doctor</p>
Administration Route	<u>Oral Suspension</u> : shake well before use, and measure dose with an oral syringe
Dose	<p><u>Children:</u> 2 months: 60mg (2.5ml) as a single dose 3-6 months: 60mg (2.5ml) 6-24 months: 120mg (5ml)</p>
Administration Schedule	<p><u>Children 2 months (for post immunisation pyrexia only):</u> As a single dose, repeated once only after 6 hours if necessary</p> <p><u>Children 3 months and over (any indication):</u> Four to six hourly as required, up to FOUR times each day. Maximum of 4 doses in 24 hours</p>

	Total dose to be administered using PGD - no more than 8 doses per month
Warnings/Adverse Reactions	Side effects are rare, but rashes and blood disorders reported. For full details see Summary of Product Characteristics
Advice/Management of Adverse Reactions & Follow-up Action	Avoid taking/administering other medicines containing paracetamol. Ensure follow up arrangements for further care as appropriate Ensure administration is recorded in patients notes
Records	The following should be recorded in the patient's notes: <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 medicine card/electronic prescribing & medicines administration record, with the PGD Number recorded as authorisation.</p>