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PATIENT GROUP DIRECTION (PGD) FOR

PARACETAMOL 500MG TABLETS AND 125/5ML AND 250MG/5ML SUSPENSION


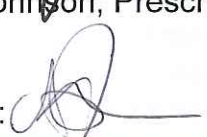
YOU MUST BE AUTHORISED BY NAME, UNDER THE CURRENT VERSION OF THIS PGD BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO WORK ACCORDING TO IT

Clinical Condition																					
Indication	Analgesic for mild to moderate pain. Antipyretic																				
Inclusion criteria	Patients 3 months of age and over requiring analgesia and /or fever control in an MIU setting. Also aged 2-3 months for post vaccination fever control																				
Exclusion criteria If any of the following apply the PGD CANNOT be used and the patient must be referred to a prescriber	Children under 2 or 3 months of age as stated above. Previous allergic reaction to paracetamol Recent paracetamol or paracetamol based product dose (within previous four hours). Liver disease or alcohol dependence																				
Further information	If pain/fever previously unresponsive to paracetamol consider alternative e.g. ibuprofen																				
Action if patient declines or is excluded	Refer to doctor/ A & E as appropriate. Document refusal or action taken in patient's records.																				
Drug Details																					
Name, form & strength of medicine	Paracetamol 500mg tablets & Paracetamol suspension 120mg in 5ml & 250mg in 5ml																				
Legal status	General Sales List (GSL) or P depending on quantity																				
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Duration of treatment	As needed. Maximum 4 doses in any 24 hour period																				
Quantity to supply	32 tablets or 100 ml suspension																				
Side effects	Give patient information leaflet from the pack																				
Advice to patient/carer	Consult GP if no improvement in symptoms within 3 days. Do not take any other drugs containing paracetamol, e.g. co-dydramol, co-proxamol, co-codamol. Also over-the-counter paracetamol and paracetamol containing products, Minimum 4 hours between doses Shake bottle for 10 seconds before administering liquid doses																				

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Staff Characteristics	
Professional qualifications	Nurses on the NMC Register
Specialist competencies or qualifications	A registered nurse, after discussion and agreement with the service/departmental lead. Has undertaken appropriate training for working under PGDs for the supply and administration of medicines.
Continuing education & training	It is the responsibility of the individual to keep up-to-date with clinical developments as part of their continued professional development.
Referral Arrangements and Audit Trail	
Records/audit trail	Patient's name, address, date of birth. Contact details of GP (if registered). Diagnosis. Advice given to patient (including side effects). Signature/name of staff who administered the medication. Details of any adverse drug reaction and actions taken including documentation in the patient's medical record Referral arrangements (including self-care) Record the use of the PGD in the departmental log.
References/Resources and comments	BNF – British National Formulary SPC – Summary of Product Characteristics
Clinical Authorisation	
Lead Doctor	Dr John Devapriam, Medical Director Signature:  Date: 17/10/18
Lead Pharmacist	Dr Alex Johnson, Prescribing Support Pharmacist Signature:  Date: 16.10.18
Organisational Authorisation	
On behalf of Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust	Michelle Clarke, Director of Nursing & Quality Signature:  Date: 30/10/18
Patient Group Direction Peer Reviewed by	
Senior MIU Nurses	

