

Slow-Release Oral Morphine (Kadian) Pre and Post Administration Assessment: ED Huddle Education Tool

Case Study

Your patient has been prescribed Kadian for treatment of opioid use disorder. What tool do you use to monitor your patient for pre- and post- dose when administering Kadian?

Answer

You need to use the **Monitoring Tool** (Pasero Opioid-induced Sedation Scale).

- **When:** Pre- and post- administration of Kadian (as well as some other Opioid Agonist Treatment)
- The Pasero Opioid-induced Sedation Scale (POSS) is used to assess level of sedation in patients receiving opioids.
- Modified Pasero Opioid-induced Sedation Scale (POSS) Level of Sedation Appropriate Action
- Differentiate between drowsiness and sedation to avoid inappropriately holding medication - Someone who is drowsy from lack of sleep should be rousable and able to maintain a conversation

1. Awake and alert; Acceptable	no action necessary; may continue with opioid dose
2. Slightly drowsy, easily aroused; Acceptable	no action necessary; may continue with opioid dose
3. Frequently drowsy, arousable, drifts off to sleep during conversation; Unacceptable	monitor respiratory status and sedation level closely until sedation level is stable at less than 3 and respiratory status is satisfactory; notify prescriber for orders
4. Somnolent, minimal or no response to verbal or physical stimulation; Unacceptable	hold opioid; consider administering naloxone; notify prescriber; monitor respiratory status and sedation level closely until sedation level is stable at less than 3 and respiratory status is satisfactory

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Resources

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[BCCSU/VCH Hospital Care Substance Use Guidelines](#)



Substance Use Consult Service

[24/7 Addiction Medicine Clinician Support Line](#)

Clinical Resources and Tools:

[POSS](#)

BCCSU Clinical Resources:

[Acute Clinical Care Guidance](#)