1. Tactical Combat Casualty Care for Medical Personnel
August 2018
(Based on TCCC-MP Guidelines 180801)

Tactical Field Care 2e
Triple-Option Analgesia and Monitoring

In this presentation we will discuss electronic monitoring and TCCC Triple-Option Analgesia in TFC.

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   • Identify the TCCC indications and administration methods of nalaxone in Tactical Field Care.
   • Identify the TCCC indications and administration methods of ondansetron in Tactical Field Care.
   • Demonstrate the preparation and administration of intravenous ketamine.

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10. Analgesia (continued)

- **Option 1**
  - **Mild to Moderate Pain**
    - Casualty is still able to fight
    - TCCC Combat Wound Medication Pack (CWMP):
      - Tylenol – 650 mg bilayer caplet, 2 PO every 8 hours
      - Meloxicam – 15 mg PO once a day

- **Option 2**
  - **Moderate to Severe Pain**
    - Casualty IS NOT in shock or respiratory distress
    - Casualty IS NOT at significant risk of developing either condition
      - Oral transmucosal fentanyl citrate (OTFC) 800 µg
        - Place lozenge between the cheek and the gum
        - Do not chew the lozenge

- **Option 3**
  - **Moderate to Severe Pain**
    - Casualty IS in shock or respiratory distress OR
    - Casualty IS at significant risk of developing either condition
      - Ketamine 50 mg IM or IN
        - Repeat doses q30min prn for IM or IN
      - Ketamine 20 mg slow IV or IO
        - Repeat doses q20min prn for IV or IO
      - End points: Control of pain or development of nystagmus (rhythmic back-and-forth movement of the eyes)
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**Analgesia Notes**
- Casualties may need to be disarmed after being given OTFC or ketamine.
- Document a mental status exam using the AVPU method prior to administering opioids or ketamine.
- For all casualties given opioids or ketamine – monitor airway, breathing, and circulation closely.

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- Directions for administering OTFC:
  - Recommend taping lozenge-on-a-stick to casualty’s finger as an added safety measure
  - OR utilizing a safety pin and rubber band to attach the lozenge (under tension) to the casualty’s uniform or plate carrier.
  - Reassess in 15 minutes
  - Add second lozenge, in other cheek, as necessary to control severe pain
  - Monitor for respiratory depression

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- IV Morphine is an alternative to OTFC if IV access has been obtained
  - 5 mg IV/IO
  - Reassess in 10 minutes.
  - Repeat dose every 10 minutes as necessary to control severe pain
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**k. Ondansetron**

- **4 mg ODT/IV/IO/IM**, every 8 hours as needed for nausea or vomiting. Each 8-hour dose can be repeated once at 15 minutes if nausea and vomiting are not improved. Do not give more than 8 mg in any 8-hour interval. Oral ondansetron is **NOT** an acceptable alternative to the ODT formulation.

**l. Reassess – reassess – reassess!**

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### Triple-Option Analgesia Video

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Ondansetron is now the drug of choice for treating nausea and vomiting, replacing promethazine.
18. **Pain Control – Fentanyl Lozenges**

**Safety Note:**
- There is an FDA Safety Warning regarding the use of fentanyl lozenges in individuals who are not narcotic tolerant.
- Multiple studies have demonstrated safety when used at the TCCC-recommended dosing levels.
- Fentanyl lozenges have a well-documented safety record in Afghanistan and Iraq - BUT NOTE:
  - DON’T USE TWO WHEN ONE WILL DO!

Here is an important note regarding fentanyl use:
Respiratory depression at the 800-microgram dose level has not been noted in 14 years of combat experience. If it does occur, start an IV and give Narcan. Assist respiration as necessary.

19. **Ketamine**

- At lower doses, potent analgesia and mild sedation
- At higher doses, dissociative anesthesia and moderate to deep sedation
- Unique among anesthetics because pharyngeal-laryngeal reflexes are maintained
- Cardiac function is stimulated rather than depressed
- Less risk of respiratory depression than morphine and fentanyl
- Works reliably by multiple routes
  - IM, intranasal, IV, IO

“Dissociative” anesthetics distort perceptions of sight and sound and produce feelings of detachment – or dissociation – from environment and self.
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