

Morphine

Class:	Narcotic
Actions:	Binds to opiate receptors in the CNS, decreases severity of pain
Indications:	Severe pain, pulmonary edema, pain associated with MI
Contraindication:	Hypersensitivity, head injury, abdominal pain, volume depletion
Precautions:	Alcoholism, respiratory depression, pregnancy, hypotension
Side Effects:	Dizziness, confusion, sedation, bradycardia, urinary retention
Dosage:	IV) 2-5 mg followed by 2 mg every few minutes to effect (IM) 5-15 mg based on patients' weight
Routes:	IV, IM

References

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