Summary of Revisions to the NSW Epidural Analgesia chart (adult) 2017

The NSW Epidural Analgesia chart (adult) has been revised. For detailed information regarding prescribing and management, refer to your local hospital Epidural policy or procedure.

Management Guidelines / Adverse effects / Yellow Red Zone Response Page 1

- Yellow and Red Zone response instructions moved from back page to page 1
- Revised statement ‘Not for use in labour’
- Adverse effects statement added:
  - Anti-histamines for pruritus are generally ineffective and may contribute to sedation.
- Additional criteria for Yellow and Red Zone related to local anaesthetic toxicity added.

![Yellow Zone Response](image1)

![Red Zone Response](image2)

Prescription Page 2

Prescription for PIEB+PCEA combined. Additional row for alterations added.

![Prescription Form](image3)
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Removal of catheter instructions Page 3

Epidural removal catheter instructions moved from page 1 to page 3

Observation pages

Yellow Zone for pain scores 7 to 10 has been added to correlate with Between the Flags instructions. Where a patient scores their pain 7 or above, the nurse must assess the current clinical pain management plan for the patient considering:

- Have pain scores previously been in the White Zone (0 to 6)?
- Have additional prescribed analgesics been administered?
- Has the patient been reviewed by the Acute Pain Service or equivalent Medical officer?

The assessing nurse may need to consult with the NURSE IN CHARGE to decide whether a CLINICAL REVIEW (or other CERS – Clinical Emergency Response) call should be made.

- Epidural delivery – Infusion rate, PCEA dose or PIEB dose individually stated
- Space provided to record ‘Volume remaining’ to cater for the Cadd Solis epidural pump which displays ‘volume remaining’ on screen