## UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF DERBY & BURTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST DRUG MONOGRAPH FOR USE ON ADULT INTENSIVE CARE UNITS

## Noradrenaline

| Indication                        | To increase systemic vascular resistance in shock states  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Dose                              | 0.05-1.00 microgram per kg per minute titrated to keep MAP > 65 Doses based on ideal body weight - consider adding in different agent for doses above 0.3 microgram per kg per minute.              |  |  |
|                                   | Standard Strength 60 micrograms per ml 1. Withdraw 15ml from a 250ml bag of glucose 5% 2. Draw up 15ml noradrenaline using a filter needle 3. Add noradrenaline to the glucose bag using new needle |  |  |
| Preparation                       | Fluid Restricted Patients  120 microgram per ml  1. Draw 6ml noradrenaline into a syringe using a filter  |  |  |
|                                   | needle 2. Make up to 50ml with glucose 5%   |  |  |
|                                   | 240 microgram per ml 1. Draw 12ml noradrenaline into a syringe using a filter needle 2. Make up to 50ml with glucose 5%   |  |  |
|                                   | **** This should be very rarely used – CONSULTANT OR REG INITIATION ONLY****  |  |  |
| Shelf-life                        | 24hours at room temperature after drawing up  |  |  |
| Administration                    | Continuous infusion via a Central Line only. Use the Noradrenaline program on the SP6000 syringe pump ****Please be cautious & double check concentration***  |  |  |
| Common<br>Compatibility<br>Issues | Noradrenaline can also be prepared in sodium chloride 0.9% if required.   |  |  |
|                                   | Noradrenaline is considered compatible with fentanyl at concentrations normally used in RDH ICU.  See unit compatibility chart for more information.  |  |  |
| Additional information            | Noradrenaline solutions must be protected from light if solution is discoloured – discard immediately.  ***If patient is on EVIS TRIAL - follow trial protocol***                                   |  |  |

|              | DRUGS AD                                  | DRUGS ADDED TO THIS INFUSION |           |              |  |
|--------------|---|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--|
| Sample Label | PATIENT A. Patient (A. Number)            |                              |           |              |  |
|              | DRUG<br>Noradrenaline<br>250ml Glucose 5% | AMOUNT<br>15mg<br>(60mcg/ml) | ADD<br>BY | CHECK!<br>BY |  |
|              | DATE ADDED TIME ADDED  DISCONTINUE IF CL  | EXP. DATE<br>EXP. TIME       | ИE        |              |  |
|              | 3/00/11/11/02 11/02                       |                              |           |              |  |

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