

# Prescribing Epidural Infusions on EPR – 3 easy steps

1) Prescribe the epidural infusion on the Yellow Acute Pain Management chart

**Acute Pain Management Chart** Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Anaesthetist: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surgeon: \_\_\_\_\_  
Operation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ward: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hospital No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Continue long term opioids? YES/NO  
If continuing opioids and using an epidural, prescribe non-opioid syringe  
Details: \_\_\_\_\_

DRUG ALLERGIES/ADVERSE DRUG EFFECTS  
Details, if none enter NKD/\_\_\_\_\_  
It is mandatory for a doctor to complete this section.  
Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

~~**Patient Controlled Analgesia** Preparation must be prescribed on the drug chart~~

~~Standard Regimen: Morphine 50mg in 50mls, 0.9% sodium chloride, 1mg bolus, 5 mins lockout, No background, +/- Droperidol 1.25mgs  
Change to Regimen  
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~~Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_~~

Fixation Method  Glue  IV 3000

**Epidural / Paravertebral Infusions** Preparation must be prescribed on drug chart. All patients must have an IV cannula

Standard Epidural: Fentanyl 2 micrograms / ml in 0.1% Bupivacaine 250mls  
No opioids via any other route  
Rate: 2mls/hr to ..... mls/hr

Non-Opioid Epidural: 0.125% Bupivacaine 250mls  
Rate: 2mls/hr to ..... mls/hr

Paravertebral: 0.25% Bupivacaine ..... mls  
Rate: 2mls/hr to ..... mls/hr

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial epidural catheter must be connected by an anaesthetist  
Epidural catheter check:  
Anaesthetist: \_\_\_\_\_ Nurse / ODP: \_\_\_\_\_

2) On EPR, request Additional Paper Charts (Epidural infusion chart) by 'Requests / Care plans' Add+ type 'Additional Medication Charts', and select

Search: additional

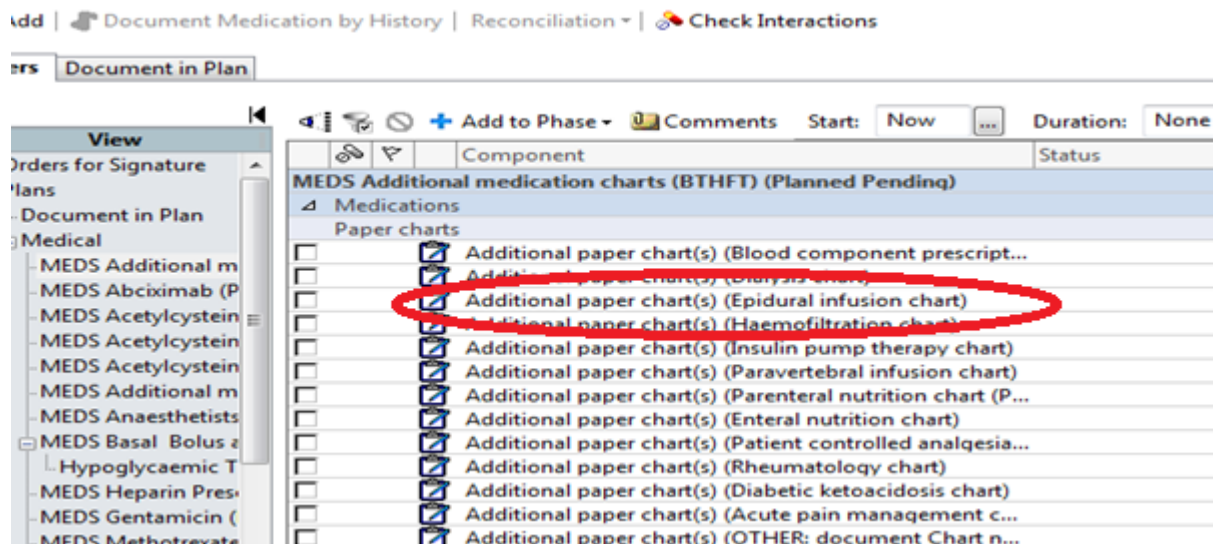
Advanced Options Type: Inpatient

Search within: All

- Additional Clin Comment, Biochem, BTHFT
- Additional clin. comment (Biochem), BTHFT
- Additional Details for 15 - 18 year olds
- Additional Report - referred sample BTHFT
- MEDS Additional medication charts (BTHFT)**

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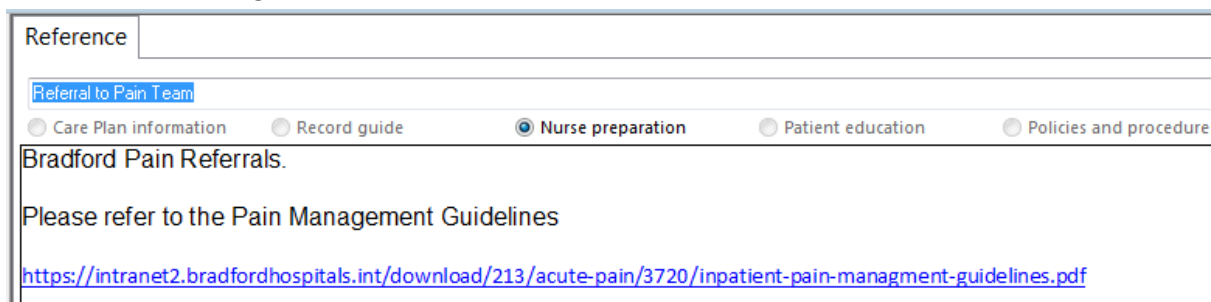
Then select the epidural infusion chart by ticking the left-hand box as below



### 3) On EPR, make Pain Team Referral for pain team review

'Requests / Care plans' Add+ type 'Referral to Pain Team'

The first screen you will see will give you the option of clicking the link to the Acute Pain Management Guidelines.



You may bypass this by clicking ok.

Fill in the referral form as follows :

Referral service - Anaesthetics Referral

Priority – Urgent

Reason for Referral – PCA, Epidural, etc

Clinician requested – please leave this blank

Then submit the form.