



## Stimulant Withdrawal Inpatient OB Order Set

### CLINICAL PEARLS

Clinicians **should be aware** of the hallmark **symptoms of stimulant withdrawal** including: extreme fatigue, difficulty arousing or focusing patient's attention, excessive sleep, dysphoria and **anxiety**.

Patients should be **screened** for **other substance use including OUD**. **Naloxone** should be **ordered** as needed in case of patient self-administration of illicit substance that could potentially contain opioids. **Naloxone should be sent home at discharge** in case of future intake of a substance that could (knowingly or unknowingly) **contain an opioid**.

**Mirtazapine** and **bupropion/naltrexone** have some data showing that they **support** the patient through the **early withdrawal phase**, and are associated with **longer term craving reduction**. May consider initiation of either treatment, if appropriate for the patient.

#### Surgical considerations:

**Elective procedures:** patients are often asked to **refrain from stimulant use for several days prior** to surgery in an effort to **reduce the risks of hemodynamic instability** associated with **general anesthesia**. Patients who have used stimulants within **48 hours** of receiving general anesthesia, are significantly more likely to experience hemodynamic instability and **require vasoactive medications** during the first hour of general anesthesia.

**Emergent procedures:** surgeons and anesthesiologists **will likely proceed with surgery**, but will **closely monitor** for hemodynamic instability during general anesthesia.

### COMFORT TREATMENTS (+/-)

- Clonidine 0.1 mg orally q4h PRN restlessness, hot/cold flashes or anxiety
- Hydroxyzine 25-50 mg orally q6h PRN anxiety or insomnia
- Ondansetron 4 mg orally q6h PRN nausea
- Dicyclomine 10 mg orally TID PRN abdominal cramping
- Trazodone 50-100 mg orally qHS PRN insomnia
- Acetaminophen 500-1000 mg orally q6h PRN headache, pain
- Gabapentin 300 mg orally TID PRN restless legs, anxiety, agitation
- Promethazine 12.5-25 mg orally q6H PRN nausea (if preferred to ondansetron, or not having success with ondansetron)

#### May Consider Initiation of:

- Mirtazapine 15 mg orally at bedtime (increase to 30 mg if tolerated)
- Bupropion XL 450 mg orally daily**  
(initiate at 150 mg orally daily x 7 days, then 300 mg orally daily x 7 days, then 450 mg orally daily)
- +**  
**Naltrexone 380 mg injection IM every 3 weeks**  
(may initiate in hospital with naltrexone 25 mg orally HS x 3 nights, then 50 mg orally HS until able to schedule injection)

### NALOXONE INPATIENT ORDERS

- Naloxone 0.4 mg Injection Solution**  
**Administer 0.4 mg IV as needed for respiratory depression, and notify provider**
- Naloxone 4 mg Nasal Spray**  
**Administer 4 mg nasally as needed for respiratory depression if no IV access, and notify provider**

### LABORATORY (IN ADDITION TO STANDARD OB LABORATORY ORDERS)

- HIV
- Hepatitis B Antigen and Antibody
- Hepatitis C Antibody with reflex RNA
- RPR/Treponema
- Urine screen for Chlamydia/Gonorrhea, Trichomonas
- CBC and CMP

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONSIDERATIONS

- Treat/ refer for treatment of sexually transmitted infections
- Offer PrEP for patients with injection use, partners with injection use and/or transactional sex/ sex work

## CONSULTS

- Pain Management/Anesthesia
- NICU Team
- Nursery/Pediatrics
- Case Management or Social Work
- Peer Support Specialist
- Education on naloxone take home kit (Nursing/Pharmacy)

## AFTERCARE

- Outpatient SUD Provider
- Outpatient Behavioral Health Services
- Navigation Team
- Harm Reduction Services
- Peer Support Services
- Outpatient Prenatal Care/ Postpartum Care
- Outpatient Pediatric/ Family Medicine
- Naloxone 4 mg Nasal Spray- Take Home Kit**
  - Administer 4 mg nasally as needed for opioid overdose
  - Dispense at Discharge**