

Supervisor Assessment Form for Epidural Maintenance

I, (name) _____, (position) _____,
confirm that (RM name) _____ has successfully completed an in-hospital
orientation and competency-based skills assessment for the maintenance of continuous infusion pumps and associated
clinical assessments required for epidural administration at (name of BC hospital) _____.

I verify that (RM name) _____ has received orientation to the following:

- the location and equipment for resuscitation;
- set-up and functioning of the epidural infusion pump;
- monitoring during the process of epidural infusion;
- documenting epidural care;
- how to implement appropriate interventions;
- how and when to call the anesthesiologist; and
- removal of epidural catheter.

I verify that (RM name) _____ has demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the
following:

- the anatomy of the epidural space;
- the pharmacology, action and side effects of local anesthetics and narcotics used in epidural analgesia;
- anesthetic requirements for the preparation of client for epidural analgesia including a. patient history, physical and laboratory tests; b. resuscitation equipment and drugs; c. intravenous access and volume loading; d. equipment for placement of the epidural catheter under sterile conditions;
- recognition of, response to, and management of immediate anesthetic complications of epidural analgesia including a. hypotension; b. seizures; c. high spinal anesthesia;
- technique of epidural insertion including a. positioning; b. anesthetic technique; c. complications of needle and catheter placement; d. securing the epidural catheter and maintaining sterility at the catheter site;
- initiation of the epidural block including a. positioning; b. monitoring the test dose and initial therapeutic dose;
- maintenance of analgesia to include monitoring of a. bolus dose and top-ups; b. continuous infusions; c. catheter integrity monitoring; d. patient-controlled anesthesia (PCA);
- postpartum management including a. catheter removal and care of epidural site; b. ambulation; and c. management of late complications of epidural analgesia.

Signed: _____ Date: _____