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| **Performance Criteria – Drug order** |
| * Adheres to “6 rights”
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| * Confirms first dose given by anaesthetist
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| * Preparation of solution with a second RN/Midwife competent in epidural management
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| * Aware of the time of previous pain relief (including previous spinal/epidural pain relief)
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| * How long would it be expected for the drug to be effective
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| **Performance Criteria – Preparation** |
| * Confirm consent and anaesthetist available
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| * IV access available
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| * Resuscitation equipment available
 |
| * Base line observations completed
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| * Check the written orders with the woman’s identification
* (x2 midwives and/or Registered Nurses)
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| * Check woman voided and bladder function if there is no IDC in situ
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| * Epidural site assessed
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| **Performance Criteria – Procedure** |
| * Aseptic technique maintained throughout procedure
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| * Aware why bacteriostatic filter in situ
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| * Aware why alcohol swabs not used
 |
| * Removes cap and retains for later use
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| **Bolus top up** | **Commencing infusion** |
| * Positions woman
 | * Document volume in reservoir on epidural chart
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| * Aspirates to note presence of blood or CSF
 | * Connect epidural line and start pump
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| * Administered in 2-3 ml increments over 3-5 mins
 | * Confirm pump is running
 |
| * Maintains verbal communication
 | * Confirm the self-administering device is working
 |
| * Replaces cap to filter
 | * Explains use of self-administering device to woman
 |
| * Stops administration of drug (bolus/infusion) at first sign of complication
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| * Observations completed
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| * Dermatomes tested if local anaesthetic has been used
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| * Documentation completed
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| * Checks efficacy of pain relief and notifies anaesthetist or APS if pain relief inadequate
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| * In the event of a complication knows the use of: Ephedrine, Naloxone, Midazolam, IV Lipid
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