# Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care logoNational Standard for User-applied Labelling of Injectable Medicines, Fluids and Lines

## Epidural

| Type of label | Example label | Instructions |
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| Bags with additives (and large syringes) | Container label for epidural route - black text on yellow background with yellow and black hatched border. Label specifies 'For epidural use only' and has space to record patient name, ID, DOB, medicine/s, amount (units), volume (mL), concentration (units/mL), diluent, date, time, prepared by, and checked by. | Fluid name, batch number, expiry date and bag graduations to remain visible after label placement.  Complete ‘diluent’ prompt if fluid name not visible |
| Syringes (and small bags with additives | Container label for epidural route - black text on yellow background with yellow and black hatched border. Label specifies 'For epidural use only' and has space to record patient name, ID, DOB, medicine/s, amount (units), volume (mL), concentration (units/mL), diluent, date, time, prepared by, and checked by. | Graduations on syringe scale to remain visible after label placement.  ‘Flag’ label for smaller syringes. |
| Catheter (line) label/Route | Line label for epidural route - black text on yellow background with yellow and black hatched border. Label specifies the route and has space to record the date and time the catheter commenced. | Label near the injection port on the patient side. |
| Catheter (line) label/Medicine | Generic medicine line label - black text on white background with space to record medicine name.  Fentanyl label - black text on blue background  Bupivacaine label - black text on grey background | Label near the injection port on the patient side.  Label adjacent to route label. |

To be read in conjunction with the National Standard for User-applied Labelling of Injectable Medicines, Fluids and Lines, 2015.

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