

# Perioperative Labelling of Medicines and Fluids

## Closed-practice environment (a single patient with established identity)

**Label syringes** containing medicines used during anaesthesia

For example:

<b>Morphine</b> mg/mL	<b>Midazolam</b> mg/mL	<b>Atropine</b> mg/mL
<b>Ketamine</b> mg/mL	<b>Levosimendan</b> mg/mL	<b>Suxamethonium</b> mg/mL

Use Anaesthetic Labelling Standard (ISO 26825:2008) compliant labels

**Label containers** on the sterile field

For example:

Medicine..... Conc (units/mL).....	<b>Sodium Chloride 0.9%</b>	<b>Povidone-Iodine</b>
<b>Adrenaline</b> 1 in 1,000	<b>Bupivacaine</b>	<b>Morphine</b>

Use sterile labels and sterile marker pens

## Open-practice environment (more than one patient in the same area)

**Label all containers** (including syringes) containing medicines to continue beyond the operating room

<b>For Intravenous Use Only</b>	<b>For Subcutaneous Use Only</b>	<b>ROUTE</b>
<b>For Intrathecal Use Only</b>	<b>For Epidural Use Only</b>	<b>For Regional Use Only</b>

**Label lines** to identify route

<b>IntraVENOUS</b> Commenced: Date Time	<b>Subcutaneous</b> Commenced: Date Time	<b>ROUTE</b> Commenced: Date Time	<b>CENTRAL VENOUS</b> Commenced: Date Time
<b>EPIDURAL</b> Catheter commenced: Date Time	<b>REGIONAL</b> Catheter commenced: Date Time	<b>IntraTHECAL</b> Catheter commenced: Date Time	<b>Intra-ARTERIAL</b> Commenced: Date Time



**Label lines** to identify medicine in a dedicated continuous infusion line – for example:

Medicine .....	Medicine .....	<b>Morphine</b>	<b>Noradrenaline</b>
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