

OPIOID WITHDRAWAL ATTENUATION COCKTAIL

Acute Withdrawal

Clonidine 0.1mg QID x anticipated length of withdrawal. (Check BP and watch for hypotension.)

Diarrhea: Loperamide 4mg then 2mg QID. May have opioid effects at high doses.
Alternatively, consider Hycoamine 0.125mg q 4-6 hrs PRN

Myalgias: Ibuprofen 400mg po QID or Acetaminophen 325mg po Q6hrs

Anxiety: Hydroxyzine 25mg po TID

Insomnia: Trazodone 50-100mg po QHS

Nausea: Ondansetron 8mg po BID x anticipated length of withdrawal. (Check QTc)

Anticipated Withdrawal as a Part of a Planned Taper

Anxiety: Gabapentin Escalating Dose to 1200mg/day. Start loading one month prior to planned taper.

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This information and other tools are available online at www.oregonpainguidance.org/clinical-tools.