

PARAMEDIC ALERT

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Topic: Fentanyl Concentration Reminder

Effective: Immediately

Attention: All Paramedics

This alert serves as a reminder that Fentanyl is supplied in 100 mcg per 2 mL vials (or in the future Carpujects). So, the 50 mcg dose would equal 1 mL of solution (1/2 of the vial or Carpuject).

To prevent inadvertent overdose please remember to follow these basic principles of medication administration:

Medication Triple Check (Performed upon selecting the med, while drawing up the med, and before administration):

- 1. Correct Dose
- 2. Correct Concentration
- 3. Correct Expiration

All medications shall be administered using the six (6) rights of medication administration:

- 1. The right dose/concentration
- 2. The right time
- 3. The right method
- 4. The right patient
- 5. The right medication
- 6. The right documentation