

Perioperative Labelling of Medicines and Fluids

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

Label syringes containing medicines used during anaesthesia

For example:

Morphine mg/mL	Midazolam mg/mL	Atropine mg/mL
Ketamine mg/mL	Levosimendan mg/mL	Suxamethonium mg/mL

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

Label containers on the sterile field

For example:

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

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

For Intravenous Use Only	For Subcutaneous Use Only	ROUTE
For Intrathecal Use Only	For Epidural Use Only	For Regional Use Only

Label lines to identify route

Intravenous	Intravenous	Subcutaneous	Subcutaneous	Route	Route	CENTRAL VENOUS	CENTRAL VENOUS
Epidural	Epidural	Regional	Regional	IntraTHECAL	IntraTHECAL	Intra-ARTERIAL	Intra-ARTERIAL



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

Medicine	Medicine	Morphine	Noradrenaline
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