

# CRITICAL ALERTS

## 3/19/18

**1. IV Avelox** – out of stock, therapeutically interchanging to IV Levaquin

**2. Diltiazem IV** – nearly depleted stock

- Cath lab - will switch to Verapamil IV, other alternatives IV NTG
- A-fib – suggest IV Metoprolol, IV esmolol, or amiodarone

**3. Narcotics** \*\* (may not be applicable to GMC-Duluth)

### Continuous infusions:

- **Morphine drips** are now first-line. Please do not initiate new Fentanyl drips.
  - Morphine IVP syringes will be stocked in ICU and 6N for patients on Morphine drips.
  - Fentanyl drips should be reserved due to limited availability

### IV Push Narcotics:

- **Dilaudid syringes** will be available for PRN severe pain
  - Morphine syringes only be available in ICU, 6N, and CVC limited to patients on Morphine drips.
  - Fentanyl IVP should be reserved due to limited supply
  - Dilaudid will be the working prn outside of the ICU

### PCAs

- **Morphine PCAs** available but limited. No Dilaudid PCAs at this time.

**4. Calcium Gluconate IV** – stock depleted

- Calcium Chloride IV is available and preferred salt during shortage
- **Calcium Chloride 333 mg = Calcium Gluconate 1 Gm**
- Calcium Gluconate will be reserved for Parathyroidectomy calcium drips.

ORAL Calcium Formulary Products	Elemental Calcium
Calcium Carbonate Chewable 500 mg (Tums)	200 mg
Calcium Carbonate tabs 1,250 mg (Oscal-500)	500 mg
Calcium Carbonate tabs 600 mg (Caltrate-D)	600 mg
Calcium Carbonate 1,250 mg/5ml Suspension	500 mg/5ml

- 5. Dopamine vials and premix**
- 6. Sterile Water 1000 ml bags (used to make 1/4NS, D2.5%W, some Sodium bicarb drips)**
  - Use D5W instead
  - D2.5%W – not available, use D5W
  - Sodium bicarb drips will need to be mixed in D5W or 1/2NS (up to 75mEq Na bicarb)