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In response to increasing shortages of both Fentanyl and Morphine Sulfate, effective 12/21/11, this interim protocol has been approved by the Medical Directions and Practice Board and may be used only during a time when fentanyl and morphine is not available.

Prior to implementation, providers must be appropriately trained and Maine EMS must be notified about the shortage and the anticipated length of time this interim protocol may be necessary.

PAIN MANAGEMENT
(including Red 3, Red 6, Green 17)

CRITICAL CARE/PARAMEDIC

Follow the current protocols, except that where fentanyl is referenced and morphine is unavailable, replace with the following:

Nalbuphine (Nubain):

1. 10-20 mg IV/IM/SQ/IO adults
2. 0.05-0.1 mg/kg IV/IM pediatrics
3. May repeat once up to 20 mg total
4. For additional dosing, contact OLMC

For other situations (e.g. interfacility transfer), follow appropriate medical control orders.