



## **Pain medication usage for inpatients listed for heart transplantation**

Due to post-surgical concerns, **pain medication usage should be actively minimized and used judiciously for all inpatients listed for heart transplantation.**

A high usage of prn pain medications requires a thorough clinical assessment and should be actively minimized. **Mechanical circulatory support devices (e.g. axillary Impella) is NOT an indication for long-acting pain medication and/or a high usage of prn pain medications after the initial 24-36 hours of device placement.** Higher than expected pain medication usage should be brought to the attention of the transplant committee.