

# Pasero Opioid-Induced Sedation Scale (POSS) for Nurses and Clinical Staff

Cerner PowerChart, FirstNet EDUCATION

The Pasero Opioid-Induced Sedation Scale (POSS) enables the user to determine a patient’s level of sedation before and after the administration of an opioid. The POSS is documented as part of all Pain Assessments and Reassessments.

## Interactive View Documentation of POSS

1. Select Interactive View in the dark blue menu.
2. Select the Systems Assessments band.
3. Select the Assessment Summary and Pain View section.

4. Select the correct POSS score.
5. Review reference text to acknowledge Interventions for a score of 3 or 4.
6. Select Yes to Schedule the POSS task every 4 hours if indicated.

## PowerForm Documentation of POSS

1. As part of the Pain Assessment/ Reassessment PowerForm, select Document Pasero Opioid Scale.

# Pasero Opioid-Induced Sedation Scale (POSS) for Nurses and Clinical Staff

Cerner PowerChart, FirstNet EDUCATION

- Select the correct POSS score.
- Select Yes to schedule the POSS Task every 4 hours if indicated.
- Select Yes to schedule the POSS Task every 4 hours if indicated.
- For a POSS score of 3 or 4, read the instructions displayed and select POSS reference text acknowledged.

P Pasero Opioid Sedation Scale (POSS) - CERNED, BIRDIE
✕

Pasero Opioid Sedation Scale (POSS)

These values are display only and WILL NOT be charted.

**Previous POSS**

No previous Pasero Opioid Score Scale score for this visit.

Display of Last 6 charted Pasero Opioid Sedation Scale scores.

**Previous Stop Bang Score**

No Stop Bang Score for this visit.

**Documented Chronic Pain History**

No documentation of chronic pain history addressed for this visit.

**Daily Opioid Use Last 7 Days?**

Pasero Opioid Sedation Scale

5 - Sleep, easy to arouse

1 - Awake and Alert

2 - Slightly drowsy, easily aroused

Are ACCEPTABLE: No action necessary  
Continue monitoring  
May administer or increase opioid dose if needed

**Pasero Opioid Sedation Scale (POSS)**

5 - Sleep, easy to arouse (Acceptable)

1 - Awake and Alert (Acceptable)

2 - Slightly drowsy, easily aroused (Acceptable)

3 - Frequently drowsy, arouses, drifts off to sleep during conversation (Unacceptable)

4 - Somnolent, minimal or no response to verbal and physical stimulation (Unacceptable)

Reference text for POSS 4 will display if selected.

**Schedule POSS Task Every 4 Hours?**

Yes  No

Order details display if POSS Task is currently active. There is no active POSS Task order.

Instructions for Pasero Opioid Sedation Score 3 or 4 (Display Only)

Score Of 3: UNACCEPTABLE!

Monitor respiratory status and sedation level closely. Document POSS every 30 minutes until less than 3 and respiratory status is satisfactory.

Consider initiating etCO2 monitoring if not already started (or SpO2 if patient is intolerant of etCO2 or uses CPAP/BIPAP).

Reduce the dose of opioid by 25-50% if allowed by current order; otherwise contact provider for further orders.

Consider offering a non-sedating, non-opioid if ordered.

Ask patient to take deep breaths every 15-30 minutes.

Score of 4: UNACCEPTABLE!

STOP ALL OPIOIDS. Stimulate. Assess airway. Apply oxygen.

Observe respiratory rate and depth, and support respiration as indicated by patient status. Consider initiating etCO2 monitoring if not already started (or SpO2 if patient is intolerant of etCO2 or uses CPAP/BIPAP).

Call MRT/RRT/QRT (and/or anesthesia if receiving epidural analgesia).

Consider administering naloxone (Narcan) per protocol if clinically indicated. See reference text.

Stay with the patient, continue monitoring respiration status and sedation level every 30 minutes until sedation level is stable, respiratory status is satisfactory, and POSS is ACCEPTABLE.

**POSS 3 Interventions**

POSS 3 reference text acknowledged

**POSS 4 Interventions**

POSS 4 reference text acknowledged

Clinical EHR Education, September 25, 2023, ES (N)

2 of 2