

PCA stands for Patient Controlled Analgesia

When the Patient is controlling the bolus doses, over sedation is not likely to occur.

However, multiple cases of “*PCA by Proxy*”, meaning a family member or a clinician presses the PCA button for the patient, has led to fatalities due to over sedation.

Thus, PCA by Proxy is not allowed

**EDUCATE YOUR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS
THAT ONLY THE PATIENT
IS ALLOWED TO OPERATE THE PCA BUTTON**

To do this education: Print out one of the following health sheets from Krames ONDemand :

1. “Using a PCA Pump”
2. “Communicating About Pain”
3. “Delivering Pain Medication”

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**USE THE NOTE BOX TO WRITE
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
COMMUNICATING “ONLY THE PATIENT
SHOULD PUSH THE PCA BUTTON”**