



**Pasero Opioid-Induced Sedation Scale (POSS)
with Interventions - MANGUM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

Date: _____

Time: _____

Assessment	Score
S = Sleep, easy to arouse <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Acceptable; no action necessary; may increase opioid dose if needed</i>	[]
1 = Awake and alert <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Acceptable; no action necessary; may increase opioid dose if needed</i>	[]
2 = Slightly drowsy, easily aroused <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Acceptable; no action necessary; may increase opioid dose if needed</i>	[]
3 = Frequently drowsy, arousable, drifts off to sleep during conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Unacceptable; monitor respiratory status and sedation level closely until sedation level is stable at < 3 and respiratory status is satisfactory; notify prescriber for orders; consider administering a non-sedating, opioid-sparing nonopioid, such as acetaminophen or a NSAID, if not contraindicated.</i>	[]
4 = Somnolent, minimal or no response to verbal and physical stimulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Unacceptable; stop opioid; consider administering naloxone; notify prescriber; monitor respiratory status and sedation level closely until sedation level is stable at < 3 and respiratory status is satisfactory</i>	[]

See appropriate action in italics at each level of sedation

Nurse Signature