

Intra-nasal (IN) Fentanyl

Your child is in pain and needs treatment right away. We believe the Intra-nasal Fentanyl is the best way to take away severe pain in children. It is the **quickest and least painful** way.

Ways to Give Pain Medicine

- **Nose spray** - the quickest and most effective way without a needle stick
- **IV** - effective but can be painful and scary to children
- **By mouth** - takes too long to go into effect (up to 30 minutes)

Fentanyl

Fentanyl is a strong pain medicine. It works in 5 to 10 minutes. This medicine is often used in IV form to reduce moderate to severe pain.

How it is Given

We use a device called an atomizer, as shown below.

This medicine takes effect within 5 to 10 minutes and will last 30 to 60 minutes.

Side Effects

No serious problems have been reported.

When the medicine is given, your child may:

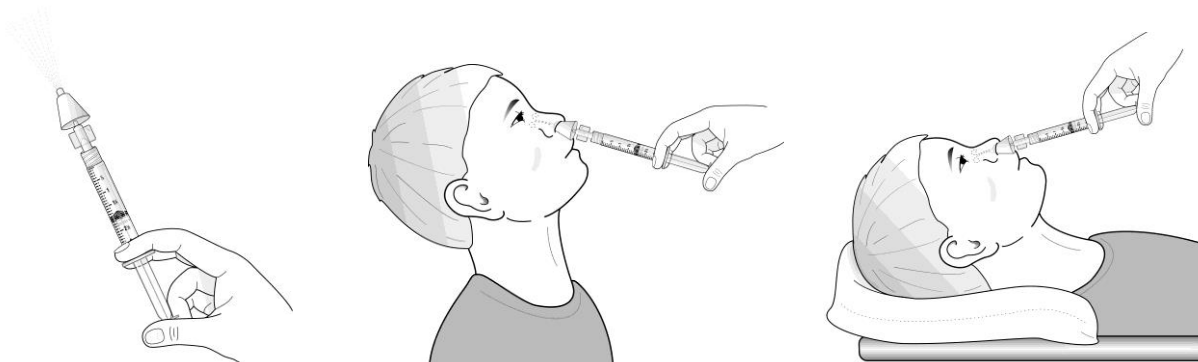
- Have mild irritation of the nose causing brief gagging or coughing
- Become sleepy
- Have watery eyes
- Have nasal congestion

After it is Given

- Watch your child closely
- **Do not** let your child walk or wander
- Watch for falling

Tell the ED staff if your child:

- Becomes sleepy
- Has breathing problems
- Is not acting right
- Still has pain 15 minutes after the medicine was given



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