



ICU Standard Potassium Protocol

Order Set: /SRPOTP

POTASSIUM PROTOCOL AS PER SERUM POTASSIUM RESULTS:

Note: **Hold** Potassium protocol if urine output < 50 mL/2 hours

Hold Potassium protocol if serum K⁺ > 4.5

Notify physician if serum K⁺ > 6.0

Discontinue KCl in IV when serum K > 4.2

Serum K ⁺ mmol/L	Replacement Therapy / Orders
≥ 3.6	Electrolytes q a.m.
3.1 – 3.5	- Potassium Chloride oral solution (K-elixir) 20 mEq NJ / NG / PO q2h x 3 doses - Electrolytes 2 hours after last dose - Treat subsequent serum potassium results as per protocol - Notify physician in a.m.
2.5 – 3.0	10 mEq KCl / 100 mL NS (peripheral or central line) over 60 min. and - Use pre-mixed 40 mEq KCL/L in main IV and Potassium Chloride oral solution (K-elixir) 20 mEq NJ / NG / PO q2h x 3 doses - Electrolytes 2 hours after last dose - Treat subsequent serum potassium results as per protocol - Notify physician in a.m.
< 2.5	Notify physician immediately