

Table I. Drugs frequently used to deal with ICU pain

Drug	Suggested Dose	Elimination half-life	Peak Effect
Fentanyl	25-100 mcg	2-5 hr	4 min
Hydromorphone	0.2-1 mg	2-4 hr	20 min
Morphine	1-4 mg	2-4 hr	30 min
Ketamine	1-2 mcg/kg/hr	2-3 hr	30-60 sec
Dexmedetomidine	0.2-0.7 mcg/kg/hr	2-3 hr	10 min