Entonox Administration Flowchart

Contra-indications

- Bends
- Severe head injuries
- Violently disturbed psychiatric patients
- Intraocular injection of gas <8 weeks ago
- Abdominal pain
- Penetrating torso injury
- Multiple chest or abdominal trauma
- Pneumomediastinum
- Pneumoperitoneum

Step 1

Does my patient have any of the contraindications Listed?

Yes → Do *not* administer Entonox to this patient. Record reason on full PRF

No ↓

Step 2

Does my patient have a pain score of 4 or more?

No → Do *not* administer Entonox to this patient. Record reason on full PRF

Yes → Administer Entonox to this patient. Record on full PRF

Points to note

All conditions listed could be caused by other conditions not just traumatic injury. The following are also examples of causes:

- Pneumothorax – trauma or damage from underlying lung disease.
- Pneumomediastinum, trauma, exacerbation of Asthma or infections.
- Pneumoperitoneum – trauma, perforated ulcer, benign ulcer or a tumour