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 Lead Paramedic

Midazolam

Brand Names: Versed

Indications: Anticonvulsant, Rapid Sequence Induction, Procedural/maintenance sedation, Acute behavioral emergencies,

EtOH withdrawal, Uncontrolled Anxiety/Panic Attack

Contraindications: Known drug class allergy, Shock/Hypotension, Coma, Closed Angle Glaucoma, open-angle glaucoma

(untreated)

Pregnancy: Weigh risk/benefit during pregnancy, especially in 3rd trimester if prolonged (>3h) or repeated administration

for sedation/anesthesia use; possible risk of teratogenicity based on conflicting human data with

benzodiazepine class; risk of neonatal withdrawal symptoms and floppy infant syndrome near term based on

human data with benzodiazepine class. Former pregnancy category D.

Drug Class: Benzodiazepine

Mechanism of action: Binds to benzodiazepine receptors on the postsynaptic GABA neuron at several sites within the central

nervous system, including the limbic system and reticular formation. Promotes relaxation by enhancing the inhibitory effect of GABA on neuronal excitability making the nerves more hyperpolarized and stable (increases seizure threshold). It has twice the affinity for benzodiazepine receptors as diazepam and is 3-4

times more potent than diazepam.

Adverse Reactions: Minor: Nausea/Vomiting, Headache, Drowsiness, Lethargy, Amnesia of event

Major: Respiratory depression/Apnea, Bradycardia, Hypotension, Anaphylaxis, Cardiac arrest

Precautions: Interaction of midazolam and an opiate may potentiate the CNS depressant effects leading to apnea

Consider reducing the adult dose by half (50%) for elderly or those under the influence of another CNS

depressant.

Onset of action IV: 1-3 min Peak Effect IV: 15 min Duration of action 1-2 hrs

IM: 10-15 min IM: 20-30 min 1-2 hrs

ADULT DOSING – Midazolam (5 mg/ml)						
Indication	Route	Dose	Notes			
Anticonvulsant/Grand Mal Seizure (Non-Pregnant)	IV/IO:	5 mg (1mL)	Repeat IV/IO doses q3-5min OMCP			
Alcohol Withdrawal/Delirium Tremens Grand Mal Seizure (Pregnant) ^{OMCP}	IM/IN: 10 mg (2 mL)		Repeat IM/IN doses q10-15min OMCP			
Procedural Sedation, Maintenance of Sedation,	IV/IO:	2.5-5 mg (0.5-1 mL)				
Acute Psychosis, Behavioral Emergencies OMCP	IM/IN:	5-10 mg (1-2 mL)	Maintain MAP > 65 mm hg			
Rapid Sequence Intubation	IV/IO:	5-10 mg (1-2 mL)	D . CETCO			
Uncontrolled Anxiety/Panic Attack OMCP	IV/IO:	0.5-1 mg (0.1-0.2 mL)	Requires use of ETCO ₂			

PEDIATRIC DOSING – Midazolam (5 mg/ml)							
Indication	Route	Dose	Notes				
Anti-convulsant	IV/IO/IM/IN	0.2 mg/kg	Do not administer if under 5 kg				
		Max single dose: 5 mg	Repeat PRN to desired effect OMCP				
Procedural Sedation, Maintenance of sedation OMCP	IV/IO	0.05 mg/kg Max single dose: 5 mg	Requires use of ETCO ₂				
			IV requires <i>slow</i> push				
			IV route reserved for refractory seizures				

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3 kgs	4 kgs	5 kgs	6-7 kg	8-9 kgs	10-11 kgs	12-14 kgs	15-18 kgs	19-23 kgs	24-29 kgs	30-36 kgs
6.6 lbs	8.8 lbs	11 lbs	13-15 lbs	17-20 lbs	22-24 lbs	26-30 lbs	33-40 lbs	42-50 lbs	53-64 lbs	66-80 lbs
18.25-20.25 in	20.25-21.5 in	21.5-23.25 in	23.25-26.25 in	26.25-29.25 in	29.25-33 in	33-37.5 in	37.5-42.5 in	42.5-47.75 in	47.75-51.25 in	51.25-56.25 in
Anticonvulsant 0.2 mg/kg Midazolam for IV/IO/IM/IN Concentration = 5 mg/ml										
NA	NA	NA	0.25 mL	0.3 mL	0.4 mL	0.5 mL	0.65 mL	0.8 mL	1.0 mL	1.0 mL
<u>Sedation</u> 0.05 mg/kg Midazolam for IV/IO Concentration = 5 mg/ml										
NA	NA	NA	0.1 mL	0.1 mL	0.1 mL	0.15 mL	0.2 mL	0.25 mL	0.3 mL	0.35 mL
Anticonvulsant 0.2 mg/kg for IV/IO/IM/IN Concentration = 1 mg/ml (2mg/2ml vial)										
NA	NA	NA	1.2 mL	1.6 mL	2.0 mL	2.4 mL	3 mL	3.8 mL	4.8 mL	5 mL
<u>Sedation</u> 0.05 mg/kg for IV/IO Concentration = 1 mg/ml (2mg/2ml vial)										
NA	NA	NA	0.3 mL	0.45 mL	0.5 mL	0.7 mL	0.8 mL	1.0 mL	1.3 mL	1.65 mL

^{*}Use formal Pedi-tape/Broselow tape for any discrepancies or concerns.

Protocols: Seizure

Procedural Sedation, Adult and Pediatric

Agitated/Acute Delirium/Acute Psychosis/Behavioral Emergencies

Notes:

- Non-Lead Paramedics are only authorized to administer midazolam for seizures/anticonvulsant. The additional listed indications are for lead paramedics only or require online medical consultation.
- When performing procedural sedation, the end goal should be to achieve a *moderate sedation* (Diminished but purposeful response to verbal and light tactile stimulation and slurred speech).
- Midazolam during pregnancy is only permitted with Online Medical Control permission. OMCP