

SCOPE: ALS, CCT	
MEDICATION:	LORAZEPAM (Ativan)
INTERVENTION:	<p><u>Classification:</u> Benzodiazepine</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> Binds highly to the GABA-benzodiazepine receptor complex without displacing GABA. The drug binds to its specific attachment site to improve GABA's attraction to its own receptor site on the GABA-benzodiazepine receptor complex. It exerts tranquilizing action on the central nervous system</p> <p><u>Contraindications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypersensitivity • Narrow angle glaucoma • Respiratory insufficiency • Sleep apnea syndrome <p><u>Precautions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concomitant use of alcohol and CNS depressants • Hepatic insufficiency • Elderly patients • Renal failure • PREGNANCY RISK FACTOR: D <p><u>Dosage:</u></p> <p>I. <u>Seizures:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Adult <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. IV/IO: 1-4 mg, repeat x2 b. Adult High Risk OB hypertensive Disorder <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. IV/IO: 4mg slow push, may repeat q 10-15 mins c. Pediatric <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. IV/IO: 0.1 mg/kg (max 4mg), repeat x1 <p>II. <u>Anxiolysis:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Adult: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. IV/IO: 1-2 mg every 30 min PRN b. Pediatric: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. IV/IO: 0.1 mg/kg every 30 min PRN (max single dose 2 mg) c. Neonate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. IV/IO: 0.05-0.1 mg/kg over 5 minutes every 30 min PRN <p>III. <u>Cold Emergencies:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Adult: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. IV/IO: 1-2mg, repeat as needed <p><u>Onset of Action:</u> 2-3 minutes</p> <p><u>Duration:</u> 6-8 hours</p> <p><u>Adverse Effects:</u> Respiratory depression, apnea, hypotension, dizziness, hyperactive or aggressive behavior</p>

If this is a patient care policy, the information contained herein is used to provide guidance in the care of patients, but should not, and does not replace or preclude the use of clinical judgment.

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	<u>Special Considerations:</u> I. N/A
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