

Kittitas County Prehospital Care Protocols

Subject: LORAZEPAM (ATIVAN)

ACTION:

Anticonvulsant, Skeletal muscle relaxant, Sedative, Adjunct for pain control of long bone fractures, Pelvic fractures, Vertebrae fractures, and Major burns

INDICATIONS:

Major motor seizures, Status epilepticus, Premedication prior to cardioversion, Acute anxiety status. Pain not controlled with Morphine 2° to long bone fractures, Vertebrae fractures, Pelvic fractures, and Major burns.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Patient with hypersensitivity, Shock, Disorientation, or Decreased LOC.

PRECAUTIONS:

Can cause local venous irritation, short duration of effect, do not mix with other drugs (precipitation).

SIDE EFFECTS:

Drowsiness, Hypotension, Respiratory depression

DOSAGE:

Status epilepticus: 1-4 mg IV, IM or IO. May repeat in 10-15 minutes.

Acute anxiety: 1-2 mg IM or IV

Premedication prior to cardioversion: 1-4 mg IV

Pain management: 1 mg IV

Note: HIGHER DOSES MAY BE REQUIRED

ROUTE:

IV
IM
IO
Rectal

PEDIATRIC DOSE:

Status epilepticus: 0.05 mg/kg IV, **IM** or IO. May repeat in 10-15 minutes.
0.05-0.1 mg/kg Rectal. May repeat in 10-15 minutes.

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