

Kittitas County Prehospital EMS Protocols

SUBJECT: DIAZEPAM (VALIUM) – Approved for backup medication as needed.

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: 5-10 mg IV or rectally
Acute anxiety: 2-5 mg IV
Premedication prior to cardioversion: 5-15 mg IV
Pain management: 2.5 mg IV (as adjunct)

ROUTE:

IV (no faster than 1 mL/min.)
bucally
rectally

PEDIATRIC DOSE:

Status epilepticus: 0.3-0.5 mg/kg IV, IO or rectally