

DIAZEPAM (Valium®)

(To be used ONLY under order of the LEMSA medical director when Midazolam is unavailable or as part of a disaster cache)

Classification: Anticonvulsant/Tranquilizer

Actions:

1. Promotes muscle relaxation through inhibition of spinal motor reflex pathways.
2. Suppresses seizure activity through suppression of the motor cortex of the brain.
3. Produces amnesic effect
4. Skeletal muscle relaxant

Indications:

1. Active, continuous seizure
2. Status epilepticus
3. Sedation prior to cardioversion
4. Acute behavior disorder
5. Severe muscle spasms (base physician order only)

Contraindications (relative):

1. **History of hypersensitivity to the drug**
2. **Hold for CNS depression, respiratory depression and hypotension**
3. **ALOC of unknown etiology**
4. **Eclampsia (base physician order only)**

Adverse Effects:

Cardiovascular

Hypotension

Respiratory

Depression

Neurological

Dizziness

Ataxia

Fatigue

Pain/burning at injection site

Administration:

ADULT DOSE

1. **Seizure:** 0.3mg/kg slow IVP, titrated to terminate seizure activity, not to exceed 20 mg. If unable to establish an IV, administer 0.3 mg/kg per rectum (PR) via a lubricated 3 ml syringe, titrated to terminate seizure activity, not to exceed 20 mg
2. **Pre-cardioversion:** 2.5-10 mg IVP