

RECTAL VALIUM TREATMENT OF PEDIATRIC SEIZURES

ADMINISTRATIVE 2.7

Class:	Benzodiazepam - Anxiolytic
Actions:	1. Anticonvulsant activity (elevates seizure threshold) 2. Skeletal muscle relaxant Onset of Action: 5-15 minutes threshold)
Indications:	Unable to establish IV and route for diazepam is acutely needed 6 years old (may be used in older patients at discretion of medical control)
Contraindications:	Known Hypersensitivity
Precautions:	Watch ventilatory status Check BP and Pulse Incomplete administration due to: 1. Dead space in syringe or bulb 2. Expulsion of drug 3. Absorption by feces
Side Effects:	Respiratory depression (esp. in patients on phenobarb) Sedation Hypotonia Ataxia Cardiac depression (rare) Local irritation with burning up to 15 minutes after administration
Dosage:	0.2 - 0.5 mg kg dose. May repeat Q 15 min. to a maximum of 15 mg total. Administer 1-1/2 - 2 inches into anus/rectum with 1cc lubricated TB Syringe (remove needle) or 5 fr. feeding tube (flush tube with 1-2 cc saline).

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