

Midazolam**5.29****PHARMACOLOGY AND ACTIONS**

Benzodiazepine drug that acts as an anticonvulsant and sedative and is a strong hypnotic.

INDICATIONS

- Active seizures.
- May be used as sedation prior to cardioversion.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Alcohol intoxication, neurologic, or respiratory depression, hypotension.

PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS

- Midazolam has more potential than the other IV benzodiazepines to cause respiratory depression. Since midazolam can cause respiratory depression and/or hypotension, the patient must be monitored closely. Midazolam should not be given to adult patients without a good IV line in place and a bag valve mask ready.
- Paradoxical excitement or stimulation sometimes occurs.
- Most likely to produce respiratory depression in patients who have taken other depressant drugs, especially alcohol and barbiturates, or when given rapidly.
- Administration for sedation should be done only in consultation with OLMD.

ADMINISTRATION

Adult:
2.5mg IV

Pediatric:
0.05-0.1 mg/kg slow IV
MAX 2.5 mg. (Cat B) 📞