

LORAZEPAM (Ativan®)

PHARMACOLOGY & ACTIONS:

- Benzodiazepine with antianxiety & sedative effects.
- Anticonvulsant

INDICATIONS:

- Preanesthetic medication
- Sedation
- Relief of anxiety

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Hypersensitivity
- Acute narrow-angle glaucoma

ADMINISTRATION:

- Adult dose - Status epilepticus
2-4 mg slow IV/IM over 2-5 minutes; may repeat in 10-15 minutes. Max dose is 8mg.
- Adolescents- Status epilepticus
0.07 mg/kg slow IV/IM over 2-5 minutes; max dose 4mg. May repeat in 10-15 minutes.
- Pediatric- Status epilepticus
0.1 mg/kg slow IV/IM over 2-5 minutes. Do not exceed 4mg single dose. May repeat second dose of 0.05 mg/ kg in 10-15 min if needed.
- Adult dose – Pacing_1-2 mg IV
- Psychiatric Disorders 1-2 mg IV/IM

SIDE EFFECTS & SPECIAL NOTES:

- Apnea, N/V, drowsiness, restlessness, confusion, delirium, HTN, hypotension
- Class D pregnancy category; may cause fetal damage

CLASS: A

PROTOCOL(S) USED IN: Seizure, Cardiac Pacing, Psychiatric Disorders