

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

PHYSICIAN'S ORDERS - ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL - LORAZEPAM (ATIVAN) PROTOCOL

Use for: Patients 65 years of age or older, history of severe COPD or INR greater than or equal to 1.3

- Check CIWA-A* score now.
- If CIWA-A score is:
 - 0 to 5 assess every shift
 - 6 to 10 assess every 4 hours
 - 11 to 20 assess every 2 hours
 - Greater than 20 assess every 1 hour
- Give lorazepam (Ativan) 1 mg. po or IM every 2 hours p.r.n. for CIWA-A greater than or equal to 10
- Hold lorazepam (Ativan) if lethargic
- Thiamine 100 mg po or IV daily
- Call 32668 to inform addiction fellow to see the patient if approved by the attending physician.

Physician Signature: _____ Date: _____

Patient with CIWA-A score greater than 20 or on restraints or hemodynamically unstable may need to be transferred to telemetry or ICU and Rosary Hall physician consult obtained.

* Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment for Alcohol (CIWA-A) scale.



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