



Sedation for Patient with an Advanced Airway

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Level: Intermediate/Paramedic

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This is a protocol for sedating an adult (>17 years of age) patient that had an advanced airway placed (ETT or supraglottic) while obtunded. This does not allow providers to sedate a patient in order to place an advanced airway.

Indication: Patient is starting to awaken, gag, spasm, etc. and provider is concerned for self-extubation, tube dislodgement, provider/patient safety

Contraindications:

- Known hypersensitivity/allergy

Requirements:

- Patient is >17 years of age

Intervention:

- 50 micrograms of Fentanyl (Sublimaze) IV/IO/IM
AND
- 2mg Midazolam (Versed) IV/IO/IM

Dose may be repeated every 5 minutes as needed to achieve sedation. If sedation using other medications (such as Ketamine) is needed, contact Medical Control.

Side Effects:

- Hypotension

Administration Notes:

- Do not mix medications in a single syringe. Administer separately.