

MICU Treatment Protocols

**Versed (Midazolam)**

**Indications:** Sedation for patients on a ventilator, precardioversion sedation, adjunct with paralytics for rapid sequence intubation (RSI).

**Contra-indications:** Known allergy, hypotension

**Adverse Effects:** Respiratory depression, apnea, hypoxia, nausea and vomiting, allergic reaction.

**Administration:**     **Sedation:** 1-2 mg initial dose slow IVP over 30 seconds to a minute. 0.5-2 mg incremental doses as indicated. Sedation endpoint per sending orders or when BP is  $\leq$  90 mmHg systolic.  
                              **Precardioversion:** 2-4 mg slow IVP.

**Onset/Action:**

1. Versed has a rapid onset of 45-90 seconds and it has a short duration of 15-60 minutes with a half life of approximately 2 hours.
2. Versed is 3-4 times as potent as Valium.

**MICU Directives:**

1. Follow generalized protocols for MICU transports.
2. Hold dose if BP < 90 mmHg systolic.

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