

Adult Dose

Indication	Benzodiazepine	Dosage
Drug-induced seizures or agitation	Diazepam	5-10 mg direct IV over 2 to 5 min, can be repeated every 5 to 10 min until seizures cease or agitation is managed
	Lorazepam	2-4 mg/kg direct IV/IO (max rate: 2 mg/min), can be repeated every 5 to 10 min until seizures cease or agitation is managed
	Midazolam	2-5 mg direct IV over 20 to 30 sec or IM, can be repeated every 5 to 10 min until seizures cease or agitation is managed
Hypertension due to sympathomimetic drugs	Diazepam	2-5 mg direct IV over 2 to 5 min, can be repeated every 5 to 10 min until anxiety/agitation are managed
	Lorazepam	1-2 mg direct IV (max rate: 2 mg/min), can be repeated every 10 to 15 min until anxiety/agitation are managed
	Midazolam	1-2.5 mg direct IV over 20 to 30 sec, can be repeated every 5 to 10 min until anxiety/agitation are managed
Chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine poisoning	Diazepam	1-2 mg/kg by slow IV infusion over 30 min, followed by continuous IV infusion of 2 mg/kg/24 h. Caution: Diazepam infusion may produce respiratory depression.
	Lorazepam	Diazepam is the preferred choice
	Midazolam	Diazepam is the preferred choice

Treatment of serotonergic toxicity or malignant neuroleptic syndrome	Diazepam	2-5 mg direct IV over 2 to 5 min, can be repeated every 5 to 10 min until anxiety/agitation are managed and normal muscle tone is restored
	Lorazepam	1-2 mg direct IV (max rate: 2 mg/min), can be repeated every 10 to 15 min until anxiety/agitation are managed and normal muscle tone is restored
	Midazolam	1-2.5 mg direct IV over 20-30 sec, can be repeated every 5 to 10 min until anxiety/agitation are managed and normal muscle tone is restored