

BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCY STANDING ORDER

Initiate Immediate Supportive Care:

- Obtain vital signs including FSBS if safe to perform
- Oxygen to keep O2 Sat >94%

INCLUSION

- Patients who are exhibiting agitated, violent, or uncooperative behavior or who are a danger to self or others.

- Dispatch law enforcement immediately when necessary to secure and maintain scene safety.
- Use verbal de-escalation and calming measures.
- Engage family members/loved ones to encourage patient cooperation if their presence does not exacerbate the patient's agitation.

Consider physical restraints when verbal de-escalation is unsuccessful.

Body:

- Sheets can be used in addition to stretcher straps; place around the lower lumbar region, below buttocks, or around the thighs, knees and legs.
- Do not apply restraints that restrict the patient's chest wall motion.

Extremities:

- Soft or leather restraints should not require key.
- Restrain all four extremities to stationary frame of stretcher.

Place stretcher in sitting position if possible. Never restrain in prone position.

If in police handcuffs, key must be always in ambulance with patient.

ORDERS

- Apply cardiac monitor as soon as possible, particularly when chemical restraints have been administered.
- Utilize EtCO₂ if available for all patients receiving chemical restraints.
- Consider chemical restraints based upon patient's clinical condition; use caution this medication can cause respiratory depression/compromise.
- Chemical restraints should be a later consideration for pediatric patients. Call for medical direction
- **Administer midazolam (for patients <14 years max initial and total doses are half)**
 - **0.1 mg/kg IM/IN (max initial dose 10 mg IM/IN). May repeat x1 after 10 minutes to a max total dose of 15 mg IM/IN**
 - or
 - **0.05 mg/kg midazolam IV/IO (max initial dose 5 mg IV/IO). May repeat x1 after 10 minutes to a max total dose of 10 mg IV/IO**
- Reassess and document:
 - Continuous pulsoximetry, and EtCO₂ if available
 - Other vital signs every 5 minutes