



Benzodiazepine Rescue

In the event of suspected Benzodiazepine overdose,
immediately administer:

- Flumazenil (Romazicon): dose 0.2 mg IV over 15 sec, may repeat dose .5 mg at 1 minute intervals for a max dose of 3 mg.
- Resedation dose: 0.5 mg. Need to monitor pt for at least 120 min. Short half-life, benzodiazepines have longer half-life than Flumazenil (Romazicon).
- Side effects: N/V, emotional lability, headache dizziness, agitation, resedation, seizures, blurred vision, pain at injection site (be sure to have a good IV before pushing)

Opioid Rescue

In the event of suspected narcotic overdose,
Immediately administer:

- Naloxone (Narcan): dose 0.1-0.2 mg IV at 2-3 minute intervals to desired degree of reversal OD- can give up to 10 mg
- Careful titration-too large of dose: circulatory stress.
- Side effects: N/V, diaphoresis, tachycardia, hypertension, seizures, ventricular tachycardia/ventricular fibrillation, pulmonary edema, cardiac arrest.

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