






Class 3 IFT-Paramedic Treatment Protocol 3902

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This protocol is used during Class 3 inter-facility transports when administration of a sedative is indicated to decrease anxiety and generally calm the patient. It is also utilized to provide sedation in intubated patients.

Continuous infusion of sedative medications is not in the scope of practice of the C3-IFT-paramedic.

- A. Perform **Class 3 IFTA Protocol 9203**.
- B. Treatment in the **non-intubated patient**:
 - 1. Confirm and document signs and symptoms that indicate the need for administration of the sedative.
 - 2. Obtain and document vital signs.
 - 3. Sedation of a patient with respiratory depression, hypotension, or decreased mental status is contraindicated.
 - 4. Administer the sedative from the chart below at the dose **ordered by the sending physician**.
 - 5. Document the outcome and effectiveness of the medication.
 - 6. If no improvement or medication is ineffective, **consult with Medical Command Physician** for further orders. 
- C. Treatment in the **intubated patient**:
 - 1. Assess and document endotracheal tube size and depth and confirm proper placement by auscultation of breath sounds and end-tidal carbon dioxide (ETCO₂) detector.
 - 2. Obtain and document vital signs.
 - 3. If patient is hypotension, **consult MCP** prior to administration of any sedatives. 
 - 4. Administer the sedative from the chart below at the dose **ordered by the sending physician**.
 - 5. If no improvement or medication is ineffective, **consult with Medical Command Physician** for further orders. 



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D. Approved sedatives for Class 3 inter-facility transports:

Drug	Non-Intubated IV dose	Intubated IV dose	May repeat once q	Comments
Midazolam (<i>Versed</i>)	1 mg	0.1 mg/kg up to 5 mg	5 minutes max dose 10 mg	Give slowly over 2 minutes
Lorazepam (<i>Ativan</i>)	1 mg	2 mg	10 minutes max dose 10 mg	Dilute with equal ml's of normal saline, give slowly over 2 minutes
Diazepam (<i>Valium</i>)	2.5 mg	5 mg	5 minutes max dose 10 mg	Give slowly over 2 minutes

Special Notes:

1. **Contact Medical Command Physician** for additional doses.



2. **Do not** give sedatives in an IV line with any other medication. Flush line with 5 ml normal saline before and after giving the drug.
3. **Analgesic** should be given concurrently with sedatives when pain is suspected in the intubated patient.