**ICU Alcohol Withdrawal CIWA-Ar > 20 Meds Version 1 5/29/14**

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This order set is for patients being transferred to ICU in which the Alcohol Withdrawal Order Set was previously ordered for.

For suggested criteria for intensive care unit admission of patients with alcohol withdrawal see attached evidence link

**Active Withdrawal Treatment - LORazepam (ATIVAN) Dosing Protocol**

***CIWA-Ar Score greater than 20***

LORazepam (ATIVAN)- IV

3 milligram intravenously FIRST DOSE NOW for CIWA-Ar score greater than 20; May repeat every 30 minutes while awaiting transfer to critical care

***Continuous Infusions***

LORazepam (ATIVAN) (1mg/mL)

1 milligram/hour continuous intravenous infusion AND titrate to target RASS score of 0 during the day, -2 during the night; BEGIN IN ICU

dexmedetomidine 400 mcg/100 mL (4 mcg/mL) in 0.9 % sodium chloride IV (PRECEDEX)

0.2 microgram/kilogram per hour continuous intravenous infusion AND titrate in increments of 0.2 microgram/kilogram per hour every 5 minutes to target RASS score of 0 during day and -2 during night MAX 1.5 microgram/kilogram per hour, BEGIN IN ICU