Santa Barbara County EMS County Wide Protocols

Policy 533-08

BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCIES	
ADULT	PEDIATRIC — (14 years and under)
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- · Attempt to establish rapport
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Expanded Scope

Same as BLS Same as BLS

ALS Prior to Base Hospital Contact

- Consider Vascular Access
- Determine Blood Glucose Level (if not previously obtained)
- · Cardiac Monitor and Pulse Oximetry

- Extreme Agitation

Midazolam

- IM 5 or 10mg; OR
- IV/IO 2mg
 - o Repeat 1mg every 2 mins as needed
 - Max of 10mg

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 - Max of 5mg
- IV/IO 0.1mg/kg
- o Repeat every 2 mins as needed
- o Max single dose of 2mg
- Max total dose of 5mg

Base Hospital Physician Orders Only

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Additional Information

Refusal of Care

- If a patient with a "mental disorder" refuses care and transport, consider law enforcement evaluation for Welfare and Institutions Code Sect. 5150
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Documentation

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Transport & Destination

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- If a patient with a "mental disorder" refuses care and transport, consider having them taken into custody according to Welfare and Institutions Code Sect. 5585
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