

## FORMULARY

### Etomidate (Amidate)

<b>Class of Drug</b>	Anesthetic/sedative.
<b>Mechanism of Action</b>	Decreases the firing rate of neurons within the ascending reticular activating system. Onset of action is within 60 seconds. Duration of action is 3 – 5 min.
<b>Indications</b>	Induction of anesthesia for Rapid Sequence Intubation
<b>Contraindications</b>	Hypersensitivity to drug or components.
<b>Adverse Effects</b>	Transient myoclonus, injection site pain, GI distress, apnea, hyper- or hypo-tension (rare).
<b>Precautions</b>	None in emergency setting.
<b>Dosing/Administration</b>	Available as 2 mg/mL for IV use. Adult and Pediatric: Induction: 0.3 mg/kg IV over 30 – 60 seconds.
<b>Pregnancy Category</b>	<b>Class C</b> Uncertain safety – animal studies show adverse effect but no human studies exist