

**CLASS: A**

**PROTOCOL(S) USED IN: Endotracheal Intubation RSI**

**PHARMACOLOGY AND ACTIONS:**

Exact mechanism of action unknown; may have GABA-like effects, depresses brain stem reticular formation activity and produces hypnosis.

**INDICATIONS:**

RSI in the hyposensitive patient.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:**

**Known hypersensitivity to drug/class/components**

**SIDE EFFECTS AND NOTES:**

- A. The most frequent adverse reactions are transient venous pain on injection and transient skeletal muscle movements.
- B. Etomidate may also cause nausea and/or vomiting.
- C. Caution in elderly patients.

**ADULT DOSING:**

**Induction agent for rapid sequence intubation -**

0.3 mg / kg IV/IO slow push. Max single dose = 30 mg.

**PEDIATRIC DOSING:**

**Same as adult**