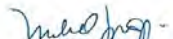


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Diazepam

1. CLASSIFICATION
 - a. Benzodiazepine
 - b. Sedative hypnotic
 - c. Anticonvulsant
2. ACTIONS / DESCRIPTIONS
 - a. Possess anticonvulsant, hypnotic, sedative, skeletal muscle relaxant, and amnesic properties
 - b. Potentiates the effects of inhibitory neurotransmitters
 - c. Raises the seizure threshold in the motor cortex
3. INDICATIONS
 - a. Seizures
4. CONTRAINDICATIONS
 - a. Coma
 - b. Shock
 - c. CNS depression 2° to head trauma
5. PRECAUTIONS
 - a. Use cautiously in elderly, debilitated, and pregnancy
6. ADVERSE REACTIONS
 - a. Use in combination with alcohol may cause a synergistic enhancement of the hypotension properties of both substances
 - b. Respiratory depression
 - c. Tachycardia
 - d. Confusion
 - e. Phlebitis
 - f. Rapid IV administration may be followed by respiratory depression and excessive sedation