

- iii. Continually misting the exposed skin with tepid water while fanning the victim
- iv. Truncal ice packs may be used, but are less effective than evaporation
- v. DO NOT apply wet cloths or wet clothing, as they may trap heat and prevent evaporative cooling
- c. If shivering occurs during cooling and prevents effective cooling, benzodiazepines may be considered:
 - i. **Adult:**
 - 1. Midazolam
 - a. 2.5 mg IV/IN, may repeat once in 5 minutes
 - OR**
 - b. 5 mg IM may repeat once in 10 minutes
 - 2. Lorazepam
 - a. 1 mg IV, may repeat once in 5 minutes
 - OR**
 - b. 2 mg IM, may repeat once in 10 minutes
 - c. Diazepam – 2 mg IV, may repeat once in 5 minutes
 - ii. **Pediatric:**
 - 1. Midazolam (single maximum dose 1 mg)
 - a. 0.5 mg/kg IV, maximum single dose 2 mg, may repeat once in 10 minutes
 - OR**
 - b. 0.2 mg/kg IN/IM, maximum single dose 10 mg
 - c. **NOTE:** a 5 mg/mL concentration is recommended for IN/IM administration
 - 2. Lorazepam (single maximum dose 1 mg)
 - a. 0.1 mg/kg IV/IM
 - 3. Diazepam
 - a. 0.1 mg/kg IV (maximum single dose 2.5 mg)
 - b. May repeat once, for maximum total IV/IM dose 5 mg
 - OR**
 - c. 0.5 mg/kg PR (maximum single dose 10 mg)
 - d. May repeat once for maximum total PR dose 20 mg
- 8. Cooling efforts should continue until the patient's temperature is less than 102.2°F (39°C) or, if continuous temperature monitoring is not available, until the patient demonstrates improvement in mental status
- 9. Establish IV access for patients suffering from heat stroke — give cool fluids at 20 mL/kg boluses and reduce to 10 mL/kg/hr boluses when vitals are stable
- 10. Monitor for arrhythmia and cardiovascular collapse [See [Cardiovascular Section](#)]
- 11. Treat seizures, per the [Seizures Guideline](#)
- 12. All patients suffering from life threatening heat illness (including heat stroke) should be transported to the hospital

Patient Safety Considerations

Consider use of physical securing devices [See [Agitated or Violent Patient/Behavioral Emergency Guideline](#)] to protect vascular access sites.