

Intubated Patient Transfer

History

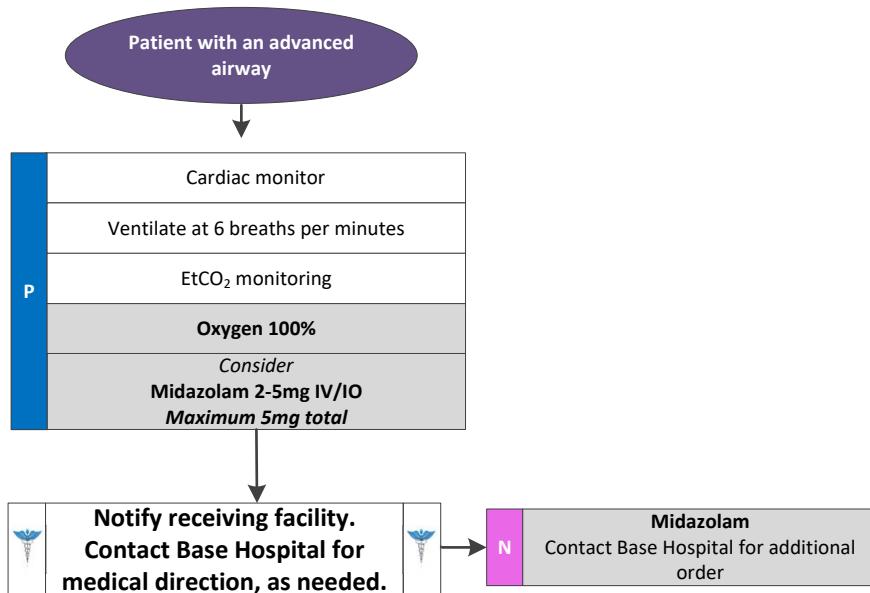
- Age
- Medications (e.g. Viagra, Sildenafil, Levitra, Vardenafil, Cialis or Tadalafil)
- Past medical history
- Allergies

Signs and Symptoms

- Cardiac arrest
- Respiratory distress or respiratory failure
- Hypotension or shock
- Altered mental status

Differential

- Acute myocardial infarction
- Hypoxia
- Hypothermia
- Head injury (elevated ICP) or stroke
- Spinal cord lesion
- Overdose

**Pearls**

- Patients requiring specialty care, most commonly trauma or neurological care, may be transferred with an established endotracheal tube. Sedation may be required if patient agitation is present because of risk of inadvertent extubation.
- Some patients may need chemical paralysis and require additional nursing or physician staff to administer these medications.
- If inadvertent extubation occurs, manage with basic airway maneuvers unless ventilation cannot be adequately maintained.



Treatment Guideline I02