

## Agents for Procedural Sedation and Analgesia

Drug	ROA	Initial Adult Dosage (mg/kg)	Injection time (minutes)	Onset of Action (minutes)	Duration of Action (minutes)	Wait time between Doses (minutes)	Comments
<b>Sedation without analgesia</b>							
Midazolam PCI: 1 mg/ml – 10x 2 ml; 10x5 ml; 10x 10 ml; 5 mg/ml – 10x 1ml; 10x 2ml; 10x 10 ml	IV	0.01-0.03	2-3	(1-2.5 )5	10 (20-60 )80	2-5	Titrate to effect Prolonged effect or delayed recovery in elderly, obese, impaired hepatic function.
	IM	0.1-0.15	10-15		60-120		Reduce dose in combination with other agents Paradoxical CNS stimulation in users with psychiatric disorders.
<b>Diazepam</b> Diazemuls® (PFI:)5 mg/ml 10 x2 ml							
	IV	0.03-0.1 (3-10 mg)	2-3	2-3	360	2-5	Regular diazepam injection contains propylene glycol → Thrombophlebitis Prolonged duration of action, especially if hepatic insufficiency. <u>DIAZEMULS</u> – less injection pain/phlebitis; Contraindicated if allergy to egg, soybean or lipid emulsions.
<b>Propofol*</b> PMS: 10 mg/ml 100 ml Hospira: 10 mg/ml 5x20 ml							
	IV	0.5-1	Rapidly	0.5	2-5 after discontinuation	0.5 mg/kg q3-5 min	Respiratory depression, hypotension, pain at injection site. Rapid neurologic recovery. Elderly: reduce dose by 20%; slower administration. ALLERGY ALERT: soybean oil, egg

Etomide SAP (when others are contraindicated)	IV	0.1-0.2		5-30 seconds	3 (5-15)	0.05 mg/kg q 3-5 min	No or little hypotension. Generally maintains cardiorespiratory stability. Use lower doses in elderly or renal/hepatic insufficiency Myoclonus. Pain at injection site. Nausea/vomiting. May cause adrenal suppression – best avoided in septic/critically ill patients.
<b>Sedative with analgesic action</b>							
Ketamine Sandoz: 10 mg/ml 10x 2ml ERFA: 10 mg/ml x 20 ml; 50 mg/ml x 10 ml	IV	1-2	1-2	0.5	(5-20-60)	0.25-0.5 mg/kg q5-10 minutes	Dissociative sedative. Minimal cardiorespiratory depression. Does not inhibit protective reflexes. Sympathetic stimulation, tachycardia, hypertension (rare). Emergence reactions common in adults. Dreams, confusion. Increased secretions. Nausea/vomiting. Prolonged duration in the elderly.
	IM	3-5		5-10	60-120		
<b>Analgesic With Sedative</b>							
Fentanyl Citrate Sandoz: 50 mcg/ml – 10x2ml, 10x5 ml, 5x 10ml, 5x20 ml	IV	0.5-2 mcg/kg	3	1-3	30-60	0.5 mcg/kg q 2 min	No amnesia. Minimal histamine release and hypotension. Use reduced dose in combination with other agents.
Morphine Sandoz: 5 mg/ml 5x10 ml	IV	2.5-5	3-5	5-10	120-240	5-10	No amnesia. Hypotension. Histamine release. Prolonged duration of action.

Meperidine	IV	25-50	3-5	5	60-180	5-10	No amnesia. Hypotension. Histamine release. Nausea. Prolonged duration of action. Interacts with MAO Inhibitors
Dexmedetomidine  LAST RESORT  Hospira: 100 mcg/ml 25x2ml	IV	1 mcg/kg bolus over 10 min, then drip 0.5-0.75 mcg/kg/h		10-15	2-3 after discontinuation		Consider preprocedural ECG. Profound bradycardia, sinus arrest, heart block, hypotension can occur. Not to those with history of cardiovascular disease, heart block, cardiomyopathy Anticholinergics required to pre-empt adverse cardiac events. (Glycopyrrolate 0.2 mg IV before dexmedetomidine) Do not administer LD in <10 minutes to avoid bradycardia. Monitor continuously.

ROA = route of administration. IV = intravenous IM = intramuscular mg = milligram mcg = microgram kg= kilogram h= hour  
 \*Some consider propofol to have sedative AND analgesic properties.  
 Highlighted drug names = drugs available March 19, 2012

Table adapted from: Médication intraveineuse pour l'intervention diagnostique ou thérapeutique sous sédation-analgésie chez l'adulte.

[www.vendredipm.ca](http://www.vendredipm.ca) 2012 Mar 02. Accessed 2012 Mar 09.

Depth of Sedation	Options
Minimal	Nitrous oxide; benzodiazepine (oral or IV)
Moderate	Opioid/benzodiazepine eg. Ketamine/midazolam; fentanyl/ midazolam
Deep	Pentobarbital (SAP); propofol; etomidate; dexmedetomidine

References:

1. Humphries RL, Stone C. Chapter 8. Procedural Sedation and Analgesia. In: Humphries RL, Stone C, eds. CURRENT Diagnosis & Treatment Emergency Medicine. 7th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2011. <http://www.accessemergencymedicine.com/content.aspx?aID=55747103>. Accessed March 13, 2012.
2. Baxter AL. Chapter 20. Procedural Sedation and Analgesia. In: Wiebe RA, Ahrens WR, Strange GR, Schafermeyer RW, eds. Pediatric Emergency Medicine. 3rd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2009. <http://www.accessemergencymedicine.com/content.aspx?aID=5328208>. Accessed March 13, 2012.
3. Frank RL. Table: Intravenous procedural sedation and analgesia agents. In: Procedural sedation in adults. UpToDate. Updated 2011 Oct 19. Accessed 2012 Mar 15.