

- Directions:**
1. Mark through any item you do not wish to order
 2. Indicate choice when options are available by placing a check (√) in the parenthesis

Any patients exhibiting symptoms or signs of severe alcohol withdrawal syndrome, such as dry heaves, drenching sweats, agitation, panic, seizures, and visual, tactile or auditory hallucinations, confusion, disorientation, or marked tremor, should be considered for transfer to an intensive care unit setting. These orders are not intended for patients who are in the intensive care unit setting.

1. NPO except for medications. NPO status to be reassessed after 24 hours by physician.
2. Head of bed elevated to 45 degrees
3. Neuro checks every shift
4. Implement fall precautions
5. Medications:

Vitamin replacement to be given for a total of three days. Administer orally unless patient is unable to take oral medications or is NPO.

Thiamine 100 mg p.o. daily

Folic Acid 1 mg p.o. daily

Multivitamin 1 p.o. daily

If NPO, change to **Thiamine** 100 mg, **Folic Acid** 1 mg and **Multivitamins** 10 ml in 1000 ml 0.9% Normal Saline IV daily for total vitamin replacement of three days, or until patient can take oral medications.

Withdrawal prophylaxis to be given for a total of 72 hours. Administer orally unless patient is unable to take oral medications or is NPO.

Lorazepam 2 mg p.o. every 6 hours for a total of 24 hours; then **Lorazepam** 1 mg p.o. every 6 hours for a total of 48 hours.

If NPO, change to **Lorazepam** 2 mg IV every 6 hours for a total of 72 hours or until patient can take oral medications.

Omit **Lorazepam** dose if patient is sleeping or somnolent.

Benzodiazepines contraindicated in pregnancy and acute narrow angle closure glaucoma.

Benzodiazepines should be used with caution in any patient with underlying respiratory disease or compromise.

Verbal Order Verification

Physician's Signature: _____ **Date/Time:** _____

Patient Identification

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