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MIDAZOLAM - INJECTION

USES: This medication is used before operations to relax you, make you sleepy and may decrease your memory of the procedure. Also, it can be used as part of anesthesia for surgery, frequently in combination with a narcotic pain reliever.

This drug may also be used for treatment of seizures.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICATION: This drug is given slowly by vein (IV) or into a large muscle (IM). The dosage is adjusted for your medical history, age and type of medical procedure or condition being treated. Drowsiness (sedative) effects usually are obvious within 15 minutes. The length of time before drug effects wear off varies considerably.

Flumazenil is a medication that may be used to reverse the sedative effect of this drug.

SIDE EFFECTS: Dizziness, headache and pain or redness at the injection site might occur. If these persist or worsen, notify your doctor.

Report promptly any unusually slow or shallow breathing.

Very unlikely but report promptly any unusually fast, slow or irregular heartbeat, fainting, confusion, mental/mood changes, trouble breathing, muscle twitching or uncontrolled movements.

Seek immediate medical attention if an allergic reaction occurs, however unlikely. Symptoms include throat discomfort/difficulty breathing, skin rash, hives or itching.

PRECAUTIONS: Before using this drug, tell your doctor your medical history, including any allergies (especially drug allergies), heart, kidney, liver or lung disease or narrow-angle glaucoma.

Avoid alcohol while using this drug. Side effects may be aggravated.

Do not drive or use hazardous machinery until the effects of the drug have disappeared (e.g., drowsiness).

This drug is not recommended for use during pregnancy. Consult your doctor before using this drug.

This drug is excreted into breast milk. Because of the potential risk to the infant, breast-feeding while using this drug is not recommended. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

Caution is advised when this drug is used in the elderly as elderly patients are usually more sensitive to its effects.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Tell your doctor of all nonprescription and prescription medication you may use, especially other drugs that may make you drowsy, such as medicines for sleep, sedatives, narcotic pain relievers (e.g., morphine, codeine), psychiatric medicines, other anti-anxiety drugs, anti-seizure drugs, certain antihistamines (e.g., diphenhydramine) and other muscle relaxants. Also, ulcer drugs (H2 blockers such as cimetidine), theophylline or aminophylline and erythromycin.

NOTES: Tests such as breathing rate and blood pressure are done periodically during treatment.

MISSED DOSE: If you miss a dose, contact your doctor to establish a new dosing schedule. Do not "double-up" the doses.

STORAGE: Store at room temperature between 59 and 86 degrees F (15-30 degrees C) away from light and moisture.