

To: All System Members
From: Dominic Antonacci
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Subject: Lorazepam Shortage

ALS / ILS Providers,

There is a national shortage of lorazepam that will impact local availability at both of our pharmacies by the end of the week (11/10/2023). It is unclear how long the shortage will last and there may be some intermittent availability.

Lorazepam is used in four protocols. If the hospital is unable to replace/exchange your lorazepam, use the following interim protocols until lorazepam is again available.

Acute Pulmonary Edema: Replace with MIDAZOLAM 1 mg IV OR 2 mg IN (1mg each nare) if patient is experiencing anxiety.

Asthma/COPD: Replace with MIDAZOLAM 1mg IV OR 2 mg intranasal (1mg each nare) prior to CPAP for anxiety

Seizures: Administer the alternative MIDAZOLAM dose outlined in the protocol

Chemical Restraint Administer MIDAZOLAM 5mg IM, Contact Medical control for additional orders

Your current PAR level for Midazolam (5mg/5ml) should be 6 vials.

Additional notifications on the process for restocking Lorazepam will be provided when availability returns.

Thank you for all you do for our communities,

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