

IM6 Alcohol Withdrawal Quiz

1. What are the symptoms of acute alcohol withdrawal?
Anxiety, shakiness, diaphoresis, N/V, Headache, illusions, irritability, grand-mal seizures possible
2. When do symptoms of alcohol withdrawal begin after last consumption?
6-7 hours but peaks within 24-48 hours
3. When do symptoms typically appear for delirium tremens?
48 hours-72 hours it peaks
4. What is the defining difference between alcohol withdrawal and delirium tremens?
In alcohol withdrawal they have a potential for grand-mal seizures, delirium tremens is a 911 emergency and they are increasing in temp, and other vitals, they also may have a fluctuating LOC which you don't see in withdrawal.
5. What is the protocol for administering lorazepam intravenously when no primary IV fluids are running? What is the dilution ratio? What may lorazepam be diluted with? What is the rate of administration?
Give it in a syringe IVP diluted with NS or D5W at a 1:1 ratio, don't exceed rate of 2mg/min