

IM6 Alcohol Withdrawal Quiz

1. What are the symptoms of acute alcohol withdrawal?

The symptoms of acute alcohol withdrawal are but not limited to, elevated VS, diaphoresis, headache, hand tremors, feeling shaky, irritability or seizures.

2. When do symptoms of alcohol withdrawal begin after last consumption?

Alcohol withdrawal symptoms begin within a few hours (around 6 hours after you stop drinking) and peak within 24-48 hours.

3. When do symptoms typically appear for delirium tremens?

Delirium tremens peaks in 2-3 days after cessation and lasts 2-3 days. So you usually will not experience those particular symptoms until a couple days without alcohol.

4. What is the defining difference between alcohol withdrawal and delirium tremens?

Some of the signs and symptoms of alcohol withdrawal and delirium tremens are very similar. Delirium tremens however, is a medical emergency. There is fluctuating loss of consciousness, delusions and possible death. Delirium tremens is the most severe type of alcohol 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?

Diluted solution may be administered directly into vein or into tubing of existing IV infusion. The dilution ratio of lorazepam IV is 1:1. Lorazepam may be diluted with sterile water, D5W and normal saline. The rate of injection should not exceed IV push 2 mg per min.