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IM6 Alcohol Withdrawal Quiz

1. What are the symptoms of acute alcohol withdrawal?
 - elevated VS, diaphoresis, headache, hand tremors, feeling shaky, irritability or seizures.

2. When do symptoms of alcohol withdrawal begin after last consumption?
 - 5-6 hours, peaks 24-48 hours

3. When do symptoms typically appear for delirium tremens?
 - Peaks 2-3 days after cessation

4. What is the defining difference between alcohol withdrawal and delirium tremens?
 - Alcohol withdrawal rapidly and dramatically disappears unless it progresses to delirium, feelings of “shaking inside”
 - Delirium tremens is a medical emergency. Possible death can occur. Sensorial and perceptual disturbances are present, fluctuating LOC, agitation, body temp 100 degrees or higher

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?
 - Ratio of 1:1, can be diluted with sterile water or normal saline, rate of 2mg/min