

IM6 Alcohol Withdrawal Quiz

1. What are the symptoms of acute alcohol withdrawal?
Symptoms of acute alcohol withdrawal include sweating, pulse rate greater than 100bpm, increased hand tremors, insomnia, nausea or vomiting, psychomotor agitation, and anxiety.
2. When do symptoms of alcohol withdrawal begin after last consumption?
Symptoms of alcohol withdrawal begin from 24-48 hours after their last consumption of alcohol.
3. When do symptoms typically appear for delirium tremens?
Symptoms usually appear for delirium tremens 2-3 days after cessation of drinking, and the symptoms will also last 2-3 days.
4. What is the defining difference between alcohol withdrawal and delirium tremens?
The difference between alcohol withdrawal and delirium tremens is that alcohol withdrawal peaks within 24-48 hours, delirium tremens peak at 2-3 days, alcohol withdrawal doesn't run a temp and delirium tremens has a temp of 100 degrees and up, and with delirium tremens the patient experiences delusions.
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?
Lorazepam can be diluted in sterile water, normal saline, and D5W. The medication should be diluted with an equal volume of compatible solution, so the ratio is 1:1 and the rate of injection should not exceed 2mg/min