

## IM6 Alcohol Withdrawal Quiz

1. What are the symptoms of acute alcohol withdrawal?

Symptoms of acute alcohol withdrawal usually include confusion, elevated vital signs, high blood pressure, fever, sweating, headache, feeling shaky, and hand tremors.

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

Symptoms of alcohol withdrawal can begin 2 hours after the last consumption but usually develop within 7-48 hours.

3. When do symptoms typically appear for delirium tremens?

Symptoms of delirium tremens usually appear 2 to 3 days after the last drink or reduction.

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

The defining difference between alcohol withdrawal and delirium tremens is that withdrawal delirium occurs later, is a medical emergency, and can cause more effects to the LOC like 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?

The protocol is to take a CIWA-AR score before administering and depending on the score give 1-4 mg then reevaluate in 2-4 hours depending on the score. After

the re-evaluation more Lorazepam can be given depending on the next score. The dilution ratio should be a 1:1 ratio. It may be diluted in saline or sterile water. It should be administered over 2-5 minutes.