Mercy EMS Education

Clinical Operations Team

Fine Tuning Our Practice

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RESPIRATOR COMPROMISE RISK

1. The risk of RESPIRATORY COMPROMISE is significant with mixing Versed and Narcotics.
2. Benzodiazepines and Narcotics should be used together in rare occasions on awake patients.
3. Benzo's and Narcotics are common practice in ventilator dependent patients.



Patients that receive benzodiazepines or narcotics require the use of ETCO2.

- **Capnography is important for monitoring respiratory rate and adequate respirations.**
- **Capnography gives us one of the earlies signs of inadequate respirations.**
- **If you monitor does not sync appropriate – ETCO2 readings need to be manually recorded in ESO.**

Patients with hypoglycemia and treated with glucose should be transported by ALS when available.

- **Patients with hyperglycemia above 350 should be transported by ALS or hyperglycemia that is above the patients normal.**

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