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SEIZURE WATCH PROTOCOL FOR DIAZEPAM AND MIDAZOLAM

Optimum treatment of status epilepticus necessitates immediate accessibility to anticonvulsant medications for patients on "seizure watch." The following protocol shall be used for ordering seizure watch medications (diazepam or midazolam) from the Pharmacy during business hours and from Cubex when the Pharmacy is closed. Note: this protocol is ONLY for seizure watch medications that will be placed in baskets affixed to the patient's cage in ICU, not for STAT or routine orders.

Ordering Seizure Watch Medications During Pharmacy Business Hours
1. Enter a prescription for the appropriate seizure watch medication in UVIS using one of the following entries: diazepam 5mg/ml 2 ml (Seizure Watch), diazepam 5mg/ml 10ml, or midazolam 5 mg/ml 2ml-Seizure Watch.
2. Choose the appropriate number of vials based on the patient's weight and dose ordered.
3. Medications will be issued by the Pharmacy in amber bags with a tracking sheet inside.
4. The amber bags will be placed in the bin affixed to the animal's cage in ICU.
5. Each dose must be recorded on the tracking sheet by the person administering the medication at the time of administration.
6. The completed tracking record and vial (whether empty, partially used, or never used) must be returned to the Pharmacy upon either completion of the tracking sheet (i.e., empty vial) or discontinuation of medication order.

Ordering Seizure Watch Medications When Pharmacy Is Closed
1. Enter a prescription in UVIS for the appropriate number of vials of either 5mg/ml 2 ml (Seizure Watch or midazolam 5 mg/ml 2ml-Seizure Watch.
2. Obtain the medications from Cubex – Note: all medications ordered must be issued in amber bags with a tracking record. The diazepam for seizure watch has a separate Cubex bin. Midazolam seizure watch vials (in bags) are stored in the back of the midazolam bin.
3. Note: ONLY 2 ml vials (or multiples) of diazepam may be obtained from Cubex. 10 ml vials are issued ONLY by the Pharmacy during business hours.
4. Make sure that the drug is signed out on the audit record in the Cubex bin.
5. The tracking record and return policy are the same as above.

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