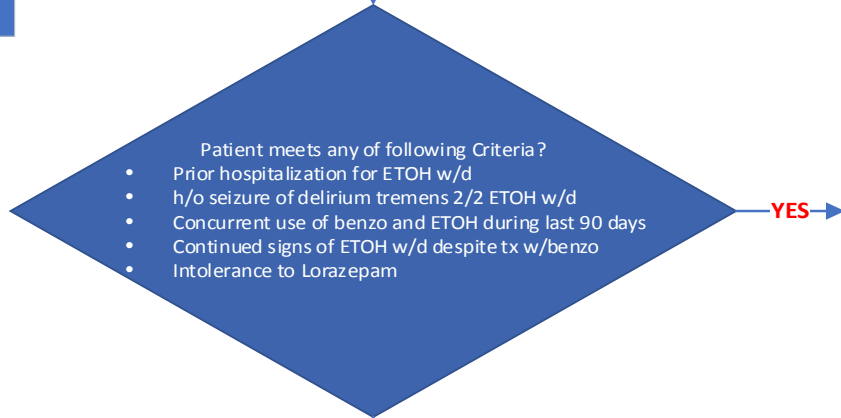


**Alcohol Withdrawal  
Symptom Driven  
CIWA Protocol**

Obtain Baseline CIWA



Consider Phenobarbital Pathway



YES

- No Lorazepam indicated
- Recheck CIWA & VS q 4hr and PRN agitation

If CIWA score is 0-7 for 48hr, scheduled Lorazepam order. Notify provider to discontinue plan.



YES

- Lorazepam 2 mg PO q1hr PRN CIWA 8-15
- Reassess RASS & CIWA (if able) 1 hr. after each dose



YES

- Give 4mg PO Lorazepam q 1 hr prn
- Reassess RASS and CIWA (if able) 1 hr after each dose
- If CIWA >15 for 3 consecutive hrs., or pt. requires > 12 mg Lorazepam in 6 hrs., contact Provider for additional orders

If unable to tolerate PO, link to IV order

**Mild to Moderate Withdrawal**

- Symptom-Driven
- Based on CIWA Score
- No range orders



# Phenobarbital Pathway Non-ICU Unit

Day  
1&2

Standard-dose Taper  
Phenobarbital 64.8mg PO/PT TID  
HOLD for RASS -3, -4, -5

Day  
3&4

Standard-dose Taper  
Phenobarbital 32.4 mg PO/PT TID

Day  
5

Standard-dose Taper  
Phenobarbital 32.4 mg PO/PT BID

## Moderate to Severe Withdrawal

- Taper embedded
- No range orders
- Reduced risk of over sedation

# Phenobarbital Pathway Intensive Care Unit

Day  
1

Standard-dose Load  
Phenobarbital 130mg IV every 8 hours x  
3 doses  
HOLD for RASS -3, -4, -5

Day  
2 & 3

Standard-dose Taper  
Phenobarbital 97.2 mg PO/PT TID

Day  
4 & 5

Standard-dose Taper  
Phenobarbital 64.8 mg PO/PT TID

Day  
6 & 7

Standard-dose Taper  
Phenobarbital 32.4 mg PO/PT TID

Day  
8

Standard-dose Taper  
Phenobarbital 32.4 mg PO/PT BID

## Respiratory risk assessment: any of the following?

### Risk of sedation:

- >65 years of age
- Head injury
- Concomitant or recent opioids, benzodiazepines, or other sedatives that may suppress respiratory drive

### Respiratory compromise:

- Pneumonia
- Pulmonary disease (COPD, asthma, interstitial lung disease, Pulmonary fibrosis)
- Rib fractures
- Chest tubes(s)
- Pulmonary Contusion(s)
- C-collar/brace

## Moderate to Severe Withdrawal

- Taper embedded
- No range orders
- Reduced risk of over sedation

