

CLASS: A

PROTOCOL(S) USED IN: Endotracheal Intubation RSI

PHARMACOLOGY AND ACTIONS:

Exact mechanism of action unknown; may have GABA-like effects, depresses brain stem reticular formation activity and produces hypnosis.

INDICATIONS:

RSI in the hyposensitive patient.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Known hypersensitivity to drug/class/components

SIDE EFFECTS AND NOTES:

- A. The most frequent adverse reactions are transient venous pain on injection and transient skeletal muscle movements.
- B. Etomidate may also cause nausea and/or vomiting.
- C. Caution in elderly patients.

ADULT DOSING:

Induction agent for rapid sequence intubation -

0.3 mg / kg IV/IO slow push. Max single dose = 30 mg.

PEDIATRIC DOSING:

Same as adult