

**Home Health VNA
IV Medication Clinical Fact Sheet**

IV Medication: Lorazepam/Ativan Risk Level: n/a
Med Class: Anti-anxiety

Common Uses: Anxiety, advanced illness symptoms
Labs to Monitor: BUN, Cr

Instructions/Precautions: Drowsiness, dizziness, Risk of respiratory depression ċ IV use, Extreme caution in elderly; Can be given IV Push up to 2 gm for an adult, up to 1 gm for pediatric, over 1-5 minutes

First Dose Allowed:

Y

Central Line Only:

N

IV Push:

Y

Vesicant:

N

See Procedure Manual: n/a

Notes: Only drugs listed as First Dose Allowed may be given in the home as a first dose and are considered for a first dose on a case by case basis by the IV Program Manager
The IV Manager and/or Clinical Director must be consulted before a first dose referral is accepted

Risk Levels: n/a = Routinely given; Clinician must be approved to administer IV medications
1= IV Program Mgr or Clinical Director approval before referral is accepted
2= IV Program Mgr notification; Clinicians must review Special Instructions