

Etomidate (Amidate)

PHYSIOLOGICAL ACTIONS:

General Anesthesia, short-acting drug that acts at the level of the reticular activating system to produce anesthesia, may be administered for conscious sedation to relieve apprehension or impair memory before tracheal intubation or cardioversion

THERAPEUTIC EFFECT

Fast acting anesthetic – onset 30 seconds, duration 3-5 minutes

INDICATIONS:

Sedation prior to intubation

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Hypersensitivity to etomidate, labor/delivery

DOSAGE:

RSI-Adult - 0.2 mg/kg
RSI-Pedi – 0.1 mg/kg

ROUTE:

IV /IO push

SPECIAL NOTES:

Make sure airway control equipment is available, carefully monitor vital signs

SIDE EFFECTS:

Nausea, vomiting, respiratory depression, dysrhythmias, hypotension, hypertension, involuntary muscle movement