

Ziprasidone (Geodon)

PHYSIOLOGICAL ACTIONS:

A piperazine derivative that antagonizes alpha-adrenergic, dopamine, histamine, and serotonin receptors; also inhibits reuptake of serotonin and norepinephrine; Geodon is used to treat nervous, mental, and emotional conditions.

THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS:

Sedation, diminishes symptoms of schizophrenia and depression

INDICATIONS:

Patients who are a threat to themselves or the safety of the crew.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Condition that prolong the QT interval, hypoxia, postictal, renal impairment or Parkinsons
Patients with bradycardia, hypokalemia, or hypomagnesemia are at increased risk for torsade de pointes (atypical ventricular tachycardia), recent acute myocardial infarction, or uncompensated heart failure

DOSAGE:

ADULT: 20 mg

PEDI: Not used

ROUTE:

IM or IV

SPECIAL NOTES:

None

SIDE EFFECTS:

Headache, somnolence, dizziness, altered mental state, airway compromise, orthostatic hypotension