Behavioral Agitation/ Sedation Guide

Behavioral Activity Rating Scale (BARS)

Behavioral Activity Rating Scale
BARS scoring: 1 - 4

YES → No sedation required → Exit to Age Appropriate Protocol(s)

NO

Behavioral Activity Rating Scale
BARS scoring: 5
Agitated but not disruptive
Able to calm and redirect

YES →
- Verbal De-escalation Procedure ASP 11
- P: **PO / ODT Medication**
  Examples:
  Haloperidol
  Droperidol
  Lorazepam

Condition Improving?
- NO → NO
- YES → Exit to Age Appropriate Protocol(s)

Behavioral Activity Rating Scale
BARS scoring: 6
Agitated and disruptive
Not violent

- Verbal De-escalation Procedure ASP 11
- IV or IO Access Protocol UP 6 ***if indicated***
- P: **Offer PO / ODT Medication for BARS 5**
  Or
  Age ≥ 12
  Haloperidol 2 - 5 mg
  IM
  Age ≥ 65
  2.5 mg IM
  May repeat every 5 as needed
  Maximum 10 mg
  And/Or
  Midazolam 2.5 mg IV / IO / IN
  5 mg IM
  Age ≥ 65
  1 – 2.5 mg IV / IO / IN
  2.5 mg IM
  Peds: 0.1 – 0.2 mg/kg
  IV / IO / IM / IN
  Repeat every 2-3 minutes as needed
- Consider Restraint Physical Procedure USP 5
  Monitor per restraint procedure
  if indicated

Condition Improving?
- NO → NO
- YES → Exit to Age Appropriate Protocol(s)

Behavioral Activity Rating Scale
BARS scoring: 7
Agitated and violent

→ Exit to Hyperactive Delirium with Severe Agitation Protocol UP 19

Universal Protocol Section