

# Medications for Acute Agitation

|                  | Drug         | Formulation                           | Dose Range                | Maximum Daily Dose | Time to Peak Concentration |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| FDA Approved     | Olanzapine*  | Intramuscular (IM)                    | 5-10 mg every 0.5 to 2 hr | 30 mg              | 15-45 min                  |
|                  | Ziprasidone  | IM                                    | 10-20 mg every 4 hr       | 40 mg              | 30 min                     |
| Not FDA Approved | Aripiprazole | Orally disintegrating tablet          | 10-15 mg every 2 hr       | 30 mg              | 3-5 hr                     |
|                  | Asenapine    | Sublingual tablet                     | 5-10 mg twice daily       | 20 mg              | 0.5-1 hr                   |
|                  | Haloperidol  | Standard tablet, IM, intravenous (IV) | 5 mg every 0.5 to 2 hr    | 20-30 mg           | 0.5 hr                     |
|                  | Lorazepam    | Standard tablet, IM*, IV*             | 1-2 mg every 0.5 to 2 hr  | 12 mg/12 hr        | 2 hr (oral and IM)         |
|                  | Olanzapine   | Orally disintegrating tablet          | 5-10 mg every 0.5 to 2 hr | 30-40 mg           | 5-6 hr                     |
|                  | Risperidone  | Orally disintegrating tablet          | 1-2 mg every 30 min       | 6-8 mg             | 3 hr                       |

See prescribing information for complete details.

\*Simultaneous administration of IM olanzapine and injectable lorazepam not recommended.