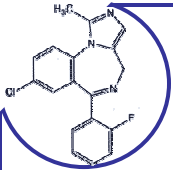


# CQI Alerts

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OBSERVATIONS BY THE CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR UWMC ANESTHESIOLOGY



## ORAL MIDAZOLAM IN MAIN OR PHARMACY, NOT PAVILION PHARMACY

*If you need to premedicate with midazolam in the Pavilion, plan ahead!*

- Currently, oral midazolam is not available in the Pavilion Pharmacy, only in the Main OR Pharmacy.
- If you think you'll need oral midazolam in the Pavilion for premedicating a patient, order it at least one hour in advance.



## REDUCE PYXIS ERRORS

### MANDATORY

- Verify the Pyxis inventory count at the start of every transaction
- Call UW Pharmacy with discrepancies (598-2840)
- Do not share Pyxis passwords: *It's your electronic signature.*
- Enter both the patient's name and ID number: important for billing.

### RECOMMENDED

- Log out meds for one patient at a time. Taking out drugs for multiple patients drains the supply in the early morning.
- Complete the opioid log section on the anesthetic record:  $DISPENSED=CHARTED+RETURNED+WASTED$



## GET 2 PIECES OF ID

Don't rely on the patient's ID band for total identification. Always compare it to another form of ID.



## RESPONDING TO PATIENTS' POSTOP CONCERNS

ATTENDINGS: If your patients want to talk to you postoperatively about their anesthetic or pain management, honor their request.

RESIDENTS: Communicate the patient's request to the patient's attending anesthesiologist. Keep the attending informed.

*If you need help, ask for assistance via CQI nurse, PAC clinic, or Dr. Artru. Don't walk away from a customer.*



## KEEP BITE BLOCKS FROM SLIPPING AWAY

Bite blocks can slip back into the oropharyngeal space or event down into the GI tract.

Keep a line attached so you can get it out easily.

Suggestions:

- A long tape tail attached to a tongue blade in a "T" configuration,
- A long tail attached to the breathing circuit.