

DRUGS FOR AIRWAY MANAGEMENT – SUMMARY SHEET

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~ ICP ONLY ~

SEDATION FOR BASIC AIRWAY MANAGEMENT:

midazolam –
up to 0.1mg/kg
slow IV dose

RAPID SEQUENCE INDUCTION – suxamethonium & ketamine:

ADULT ONLY:

ketamine 1mg/kg IV or IO,
fast push

suxamethonium 1.5mg/kg IV or IO,
over 30-60 seconds

NOTE: suxamethonium may cause
bradycardia. If the patient is bradycardic
once ETT is tied in, consider a dose of
atropine.

THERE IS NO PAEDIATRIC RSI

POST INTUBATION to maintain ETT and level of sedation:

ketamine IV or IO
1mg/kg

Repeat once if required

If sedation is inadequate after
the second dose of ketamine, consider
midazolam – 0.05mg/kg IV or IO

Subsequent doses of ketamine – 1mg/kg