

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
 POLICY/PROCEDURE/PROTOCOL

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SUBJECT: TREATMENT PROTOCOL -
 PSYCHIATRIC/BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCIES

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Note: For combative patient IN or IM Versed is preferred route to decrease risk of injury to patient and personnel.

Use caution when considering Versed use with ETOH intoxication. Can result in apnea.

Consideration for patients presenting with taser barbs:

- Taser discharge for simple behavioral control is usually benign and does not require transport to BEF for evaluation.
- Patients, who are injured, appear to be under the influence of drugs, present with altered mental status, or symptoms of illness should have a medical evaluation performed by EMS personnel, and transported to a BEF.
- If barbs are impaled in an anatomically sensitive location such as the eye, face, neck, finger/hand or genitalia do not remove the barb, patient should be transported to a BEF.