

STEP 2: DETERMINE TREATMENT OPTION FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME (to be completed by the prescriber)

RISK OF SEVERE ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL

Any 2 of the following:

- Presents with or has had previous withdrawal seizures
- Previous episode of Delirium Tremens
- Clinically has alcohol dependence / scoring 15 or above on Alcohol Screening Tool *Audit PC* (see step 1 in main guideline)
- High initial symptom score (GMAWS > 8)
(Do not use scoring tool if patient intoxicated or < 8 hours since last drink)

YES



**FIXED DOSE TREATMENT
PLUS
SYMPTOM TRIGGERED TREATMENT
(standard or reduced dose diazepam or
lorazepam)**

NO



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SELECT TREATMENT OPTION:

NO TREATMENT **SYMPTOM TRIGGERED ONLY**

FIXED DOSE PLUS SYMPTOM TRIGGERED

Treatment must be prescribed on HEPMA and prescription chart

NOTE! Fixed dose & symptom triggered dosing must be no less than 1 hour apart