



Figure. Protocol for treatment of agitation. *BZN*, benzodiazepine; *EPS*, extrapyramidal side effects; *ETOH*, alcohol; *IM*, intramuscular.

and efficacy, with a smaller number of studies supporting the use of oral antipsychotics such as olanzapine. If the patient cannot cooperate with oral medications, intramuscular ziprasidone or intramuscular olanzapine is preferred for acute control of agitation.

3. If an initial dose of antipsychotic is insufficient to control agitation, the addition of a benzodiazepine such as lorazepam is preferred to additional doses of the same antipsychotic or to a second antipsychotic.