Agitated.

Yes

Consider medical causes for behavior.

• Consider your own safety and limitations.
• Request law enforcement as needed.

No

Violent or anxious.

Yes

If indicated, restrain in lateral recumbent position

No

Consider sedation:
• Contact medical command.
• Haloperidol (Haldol) 2–5 mg IM (violent behavior) and/or midazolam (Versed) 2–3 mg over 2–3 minutes and/or lorazepam (Ativan) 1–2 mg through an approved route of administration.

Transport to the most appropriate facility.

1. Note bizarre behavior, abrupt change in behavior, suicidal ideation, possible drug or alcohol ingestion, history of diabetes, etc. Look for medic alert tag.

2. Consider the possibility of hypoglycemia. Low blood glucose can cause agitation, confusion, and irritability.

NOTE: NEVER place a patient in face down (prone) position! continues