

## **ETOMIDATE (Amidate)**

### **PHARMACOLOGIC CLASSIFICATION:**

-nonbarbiturate hypnotic

### **THERAPEUTIC CLASSIFICATION:**

-anesthetic

-sedative

### **MAIN INDICATIONS:**

-anesthetic

### **MECHANISM OF ACTION:**

-decreases the firing rate of neurons within the ascending reticular activating system

### **CONTRAINDICATIONS:**

-hypersensitivity to the drug

### **MAJOR SIDE EFFECTS:**

-transient skeletal muscle movements

-hypotension

-arrhythmias

-nausea/vomiting

### **DOSAGE:**

-0.2 to 0.6 mg/kg IV

### **ROUTES:**

-IV