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Inhaled Loxapine for the Acute Treatment of Agitation: Clinical Experience

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Introduction: Agitation (excessive motor or verbal activity) can be associated often with schizophrenia or bipolar mania, and further escalate into aggressive behavior and potentially lead to injuries in patients and staff. A new drug is available for the acute treatment, inhaled loxapine that allows for direct administration to the lungs, resulting in rapid absorption into the systemic circulation and rapid tranquilization.

Objective: Presenting the clinical experience with Inhaled Loxapine in thetreatment of agitation.

Results: We have selected representative cases of patients with a psychiatric pathology, from emergency / acute unit, characterizing their circumstances of current admission, the intensity and the evolution of the episodes, to evaluate the applicability and practical points arising from the clinical experience.

Conclusion: In the era of evidence-based practice each case report for the realclinical life adds valuable new information to the medical knowledge of new options of treatment.