

# Use of Pediatric and Adult Midazolam Population Pharmacokinetics to Assess IM Dosing and Early Drug Exposure for Status Epilepticus

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# Background

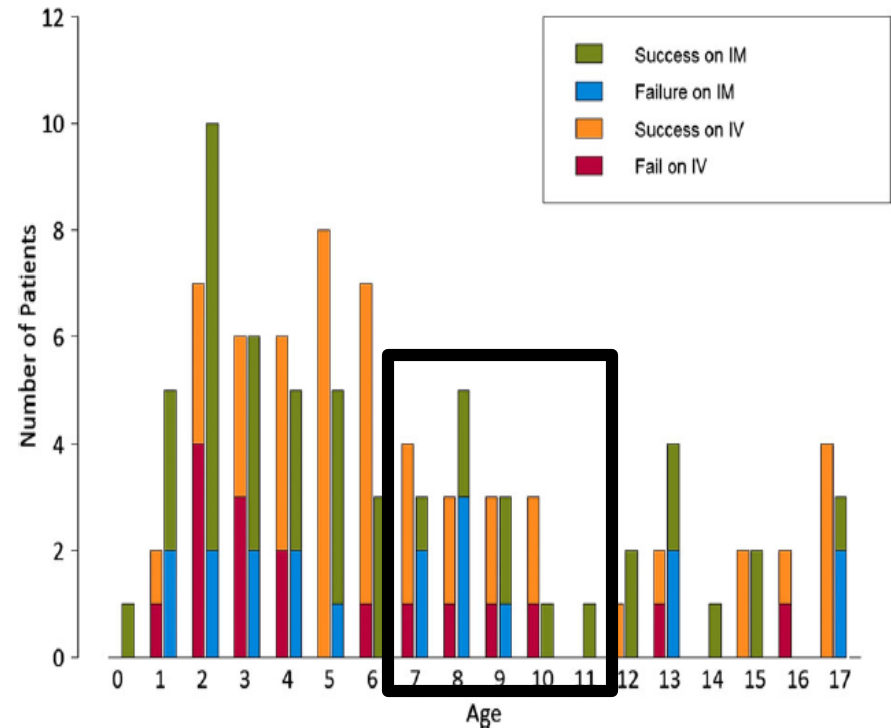
- IM midazolam (MDZ) is an attractive option for treatment of status epilepticus (SE).
- Fixed IM doses using as auto-injectors (IMA) allows rapid administration and provides consistent dosing in adults.
- However IMA have limited flexibility for pediatric dosing on a mg/kg basis.
- The RAMPART Study of adults and children (>13kg) demonstrated MDZ by IMA is at least as safe and effective as intravenous lorazepam for pre-hospital seizure cessation (R Silbergleit et al NEJM 2012)



# Pediatric RAMPART

- Sub-analysis performed in 120 pediatric RAMPART subjects: MDZ IMA (n=60, age  $6.4 \pm 4.8$ yr) LRZ IV (n=60, age  $6.9 \pm 4.6$ yr)
- Most MDZ subjects (49/60) received 5mg dose
- Only 5 (8%) MDZ subjects required intubation.
- MDZ found to be non-inferior – Success: MDZ 68% vs LRZ 72.%
  - Success in 7/13 (54%) of 7- <12 yr olds (presumed 5mg dose)

Outcome by Treatment Arm and Age for Patients <18



R Welch et al Epilepsia 2015

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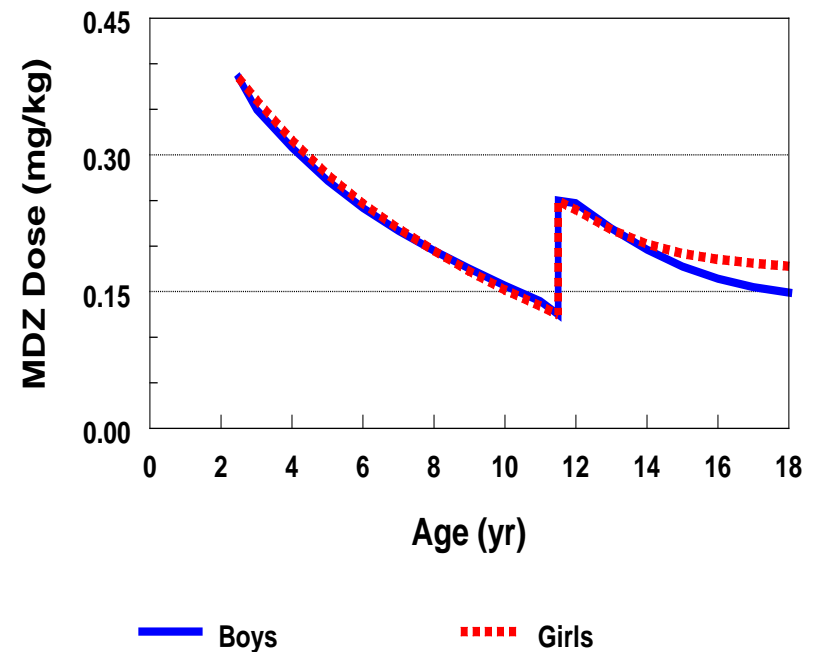
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# RAMPART MDZ Pediatric Dosing

- RAMPART MDZ IMA Dosing:
  - 5 mg (13-40kg)
  - 10 mg (>40kg)
- RAMPART MDZ IM dose also recommend in AES “White Paper” (Glauser et al Epilepsy Cur 2016)
- Weight normalized MDZ Dosing:
  - 0.125-0.385 mg/kg – a 3.1 fold range in dosage
- MDZ PK not evaluated in the RAMPART Study

Midazolam Weight Adjusted Dosing



# Objectives

- To develop a population PK model to describe midazolam pharmacokinetics in adults and children with various routes of administration
- To use Monte Carlo simulate pediatric exposures following IM administration using RAMPART dosing



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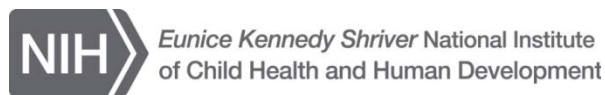
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# Methods – Data Sets

Study PI	Population	Number of Subjects	Route of Administration
S. Muchohi	Peds	20	IV (n=9) / IMNS (n=11)
M. Reed	Peds	32	IV
J. Barrett	Peds	264	PO
E. Jacquz-Aigrain*	Peds	23	IV
S. deWilt*	Peds	42	IV (n=24) / PO (n=18)
Alfonzo-Echeverri	Adult	10	IMNS
Dept of Defense	Adult	135	IMA
J. Ma	Adult	153	IV (n=54) / PO (n=88) / IV & PO (n=11)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>614</b>	<b>IMM (n=21) / IMA (n=135) / IV (n=106) / PO (n=352)</b>

\* Studies of subjects < 13kg and data not included not final PK model for simulation of RAMPART dosing



# Methods: Population Pharmacokinetic Analysis

- Concentration-time data were analyzed with nonlinear mixed-effect modeling using NONMEM version 7.2
- Clearance was scaled by allometric weight ( $WT^{0.75}$ ) and volume of distribution was scaled by weight ( $WT^{1.0}$ ) prior to evaluation of potential impact of age and study effects.
- Covariate impact determined by univariate screen followed by multivariate backwards elimination analysis.
- IM absorption – by method IMA vs IM Needle/Syringe (IMNS)
  - Applied to Bioavailability (F) and Absorption Rate Constant (KA)
  - 1000 sample bootstrap used to determine parameter confidence intervals (Wings ver 7.4)
- Final PK model was used to perform Monte Carlo simulations





# Methods: Monte Carlo Simulations

- The final Population PK model was used for Monte Carlo simulations with the RAMPART dose
  - 13-40 kg – 5 mg IMA
  - >40 kg – 10mg IMA
  - Virtual Subject Characteristics
    - Age uniform distribution at 2.5 yr, every year 3-18 and adult
    - Males 50% / Females 50%
    - Weights – CDC-NHaines median values for pediatric – 70kg for adults
    - 100 replications for each age (yr), sex group (M/F)
    - Grouped by Age: 2-6, 6-12, 12-18 yr and adult
  - Frequency of MDZ concentrations <40, 40-200 and >200 ng/mL at 10, 15, 30, 45 and 60 minutes determined.

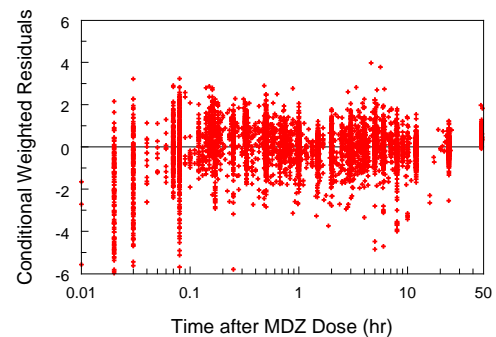
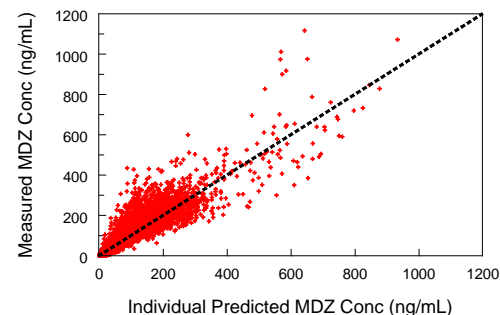


# Results – Population PK Model

## Typical PK Parameters

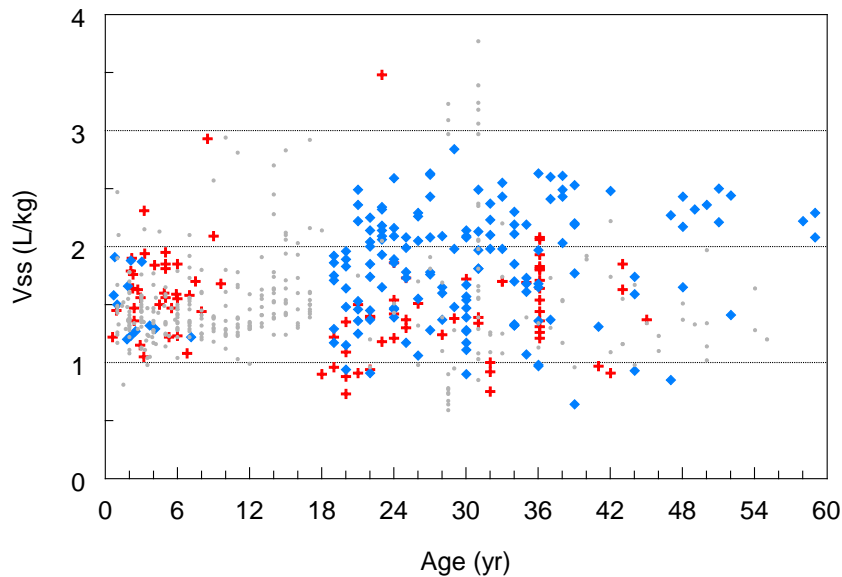
- $V_c = 0.288$  L/kg (Age < 13yr)
  - 0.483 L/kg (Adults)
- $CL = 30.7$  L/h  $(WT/70)^{0.75}$   
(0.67, 0.50, 0.44 L/h/kg at 13, 40, 70kg)
- $V_p = 1.06$  L/kg
- $KA = 0.692$  hr<sup>-1</sup> (IMA)
- $F = 0.976$  (IMA)  $(\text{weight}/70\text{kg})^{0.75}$

## Goodness of Fit Plots



# Influence of Age on Midazolam Pharmacokinetics

## Volume of Distribution (Vdss)



Age (yr)

+ IV

◆ IM  
F=0.98

● PO  
F=0.29

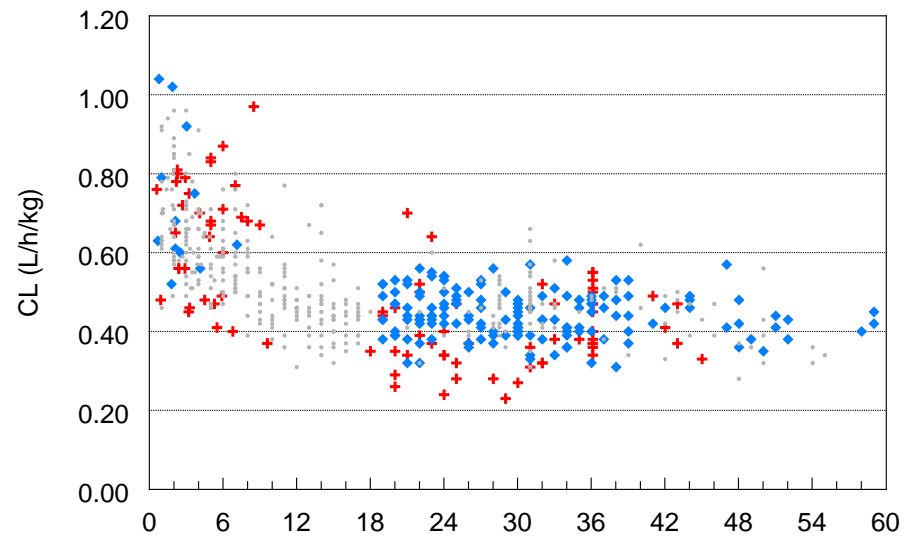


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## Clearance (CL)



Age (yr)

+ IV

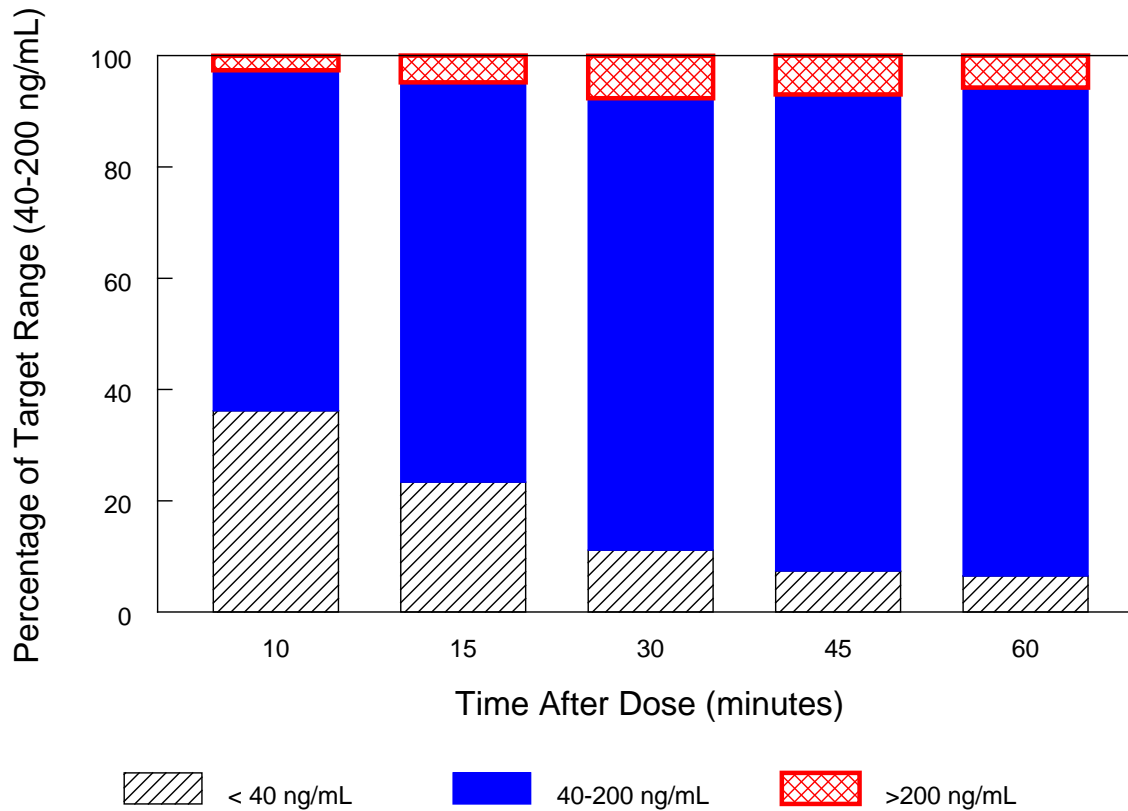
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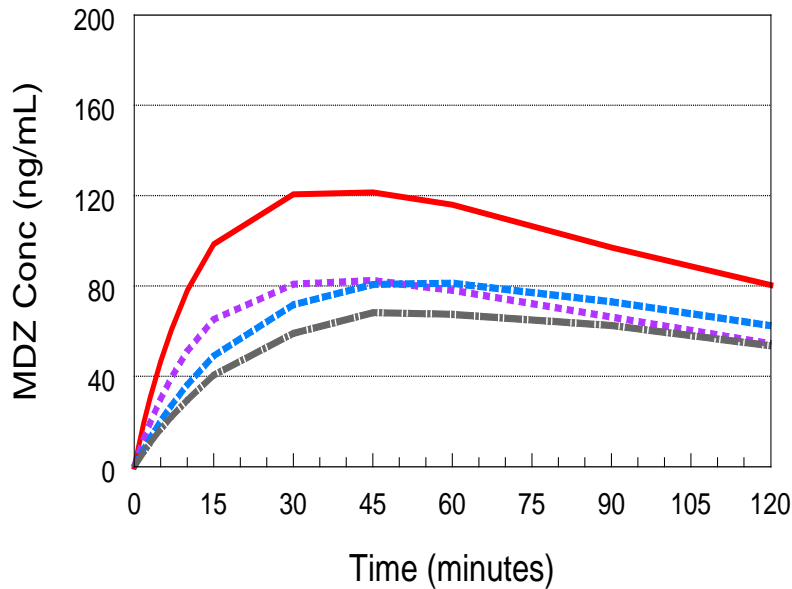
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# Midazolam IMA Pediatric Target Achievement Over the First Hour



# Midazolam IMA Concentrations: Impact of Age

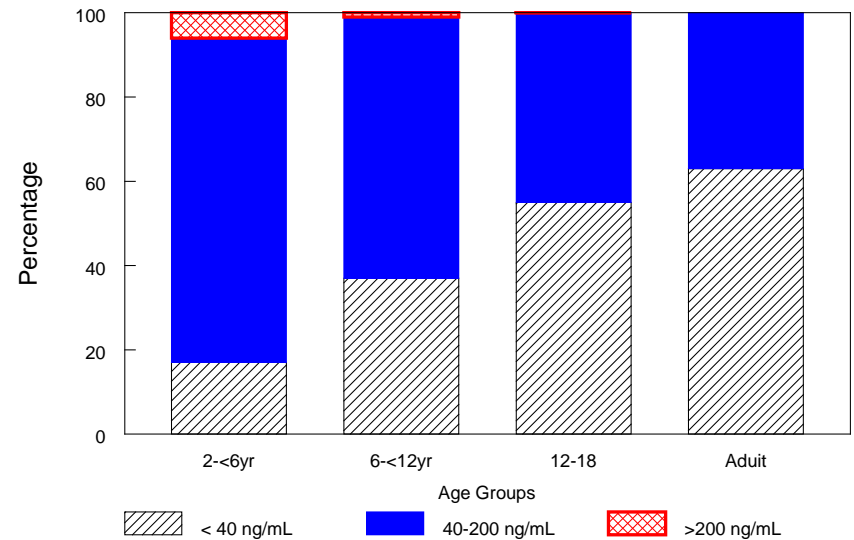
Median MDZ Concentration vs Time



Age Groups

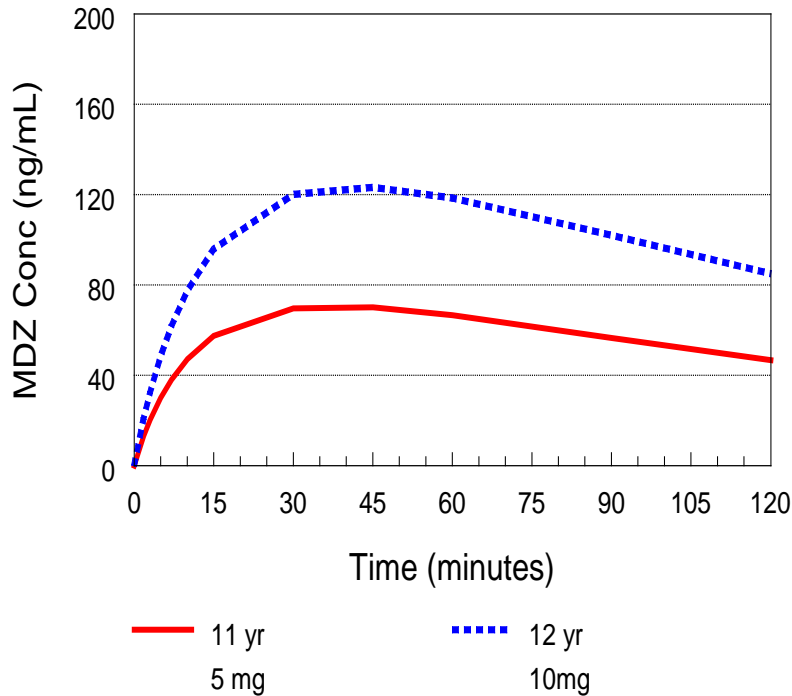
— 2-6 y    - - - 6-12    - . - . - 12-18    - - - - Adult

MDZ Concentrations in Target Range at 10 Minutes

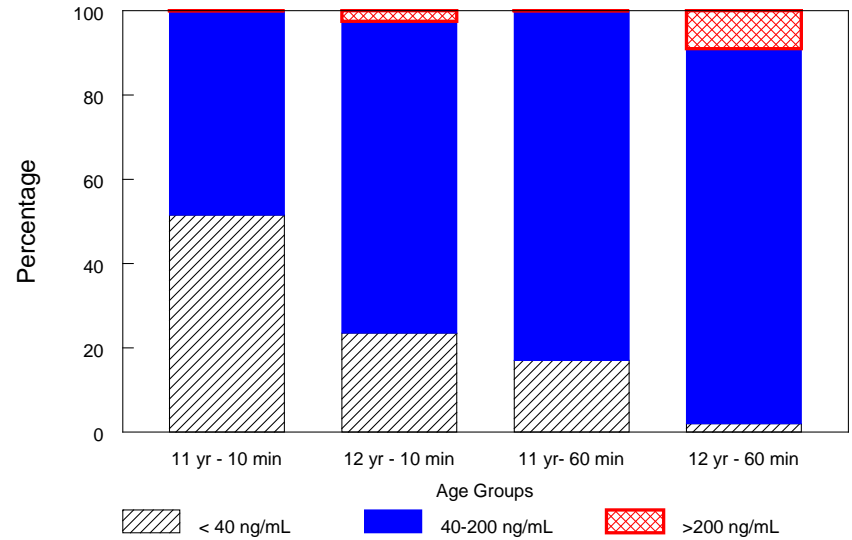


# Midazolam Concentrations Around IMA Dose Increase

Median MDZ Concentration vs Time



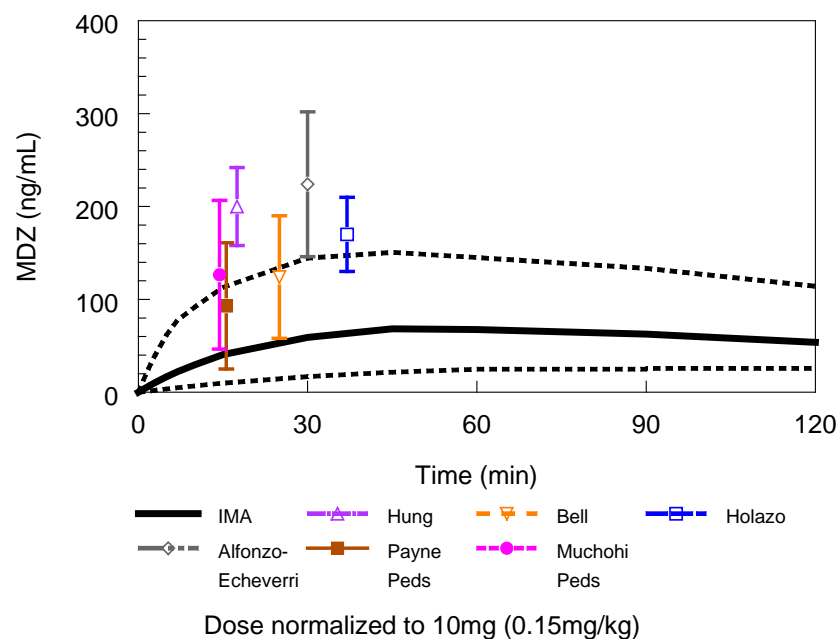
MDZ Concentrations in Target Range



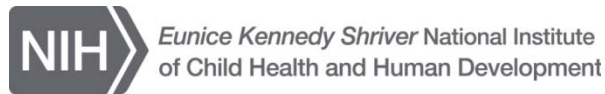
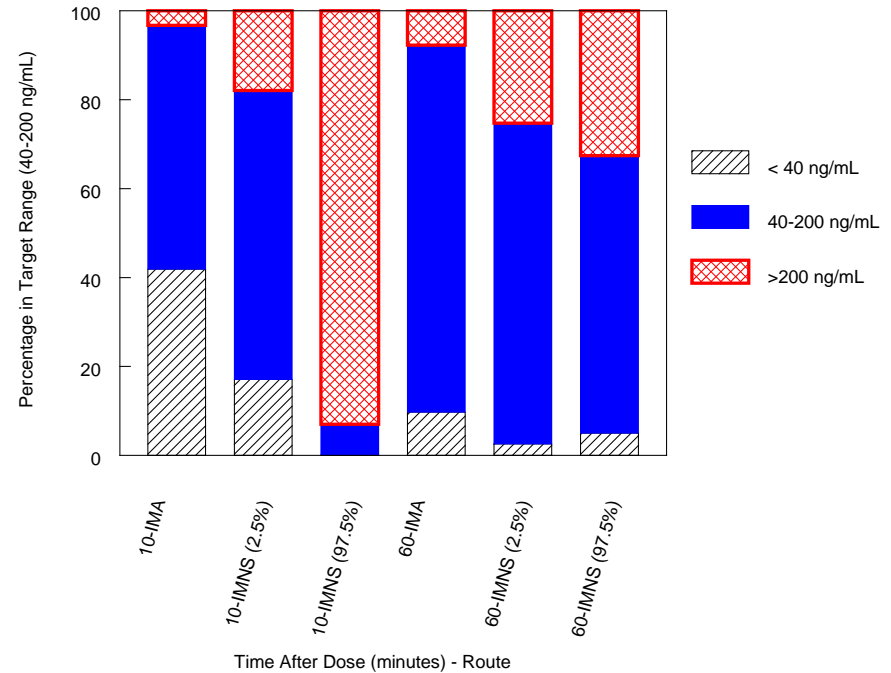
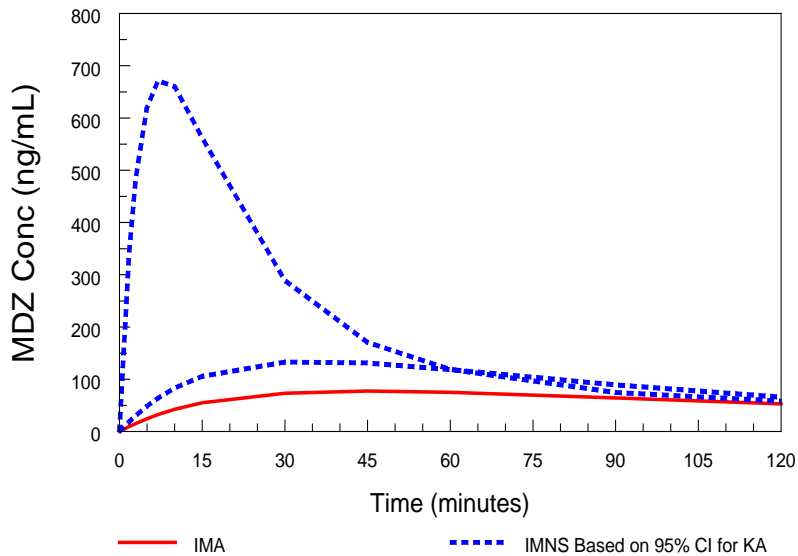
# Midazolam PK: IMA vs IMNS

- Literature IMM vs DOD IMA
  - Cmax higher
  - Tmax quicker
- Population PK Model
  - Raw IMM data only 21 subjects
    - Pediatric IMNS– limited early sampling
    - Adult IMNS – GS/MS assay
    - Bootstrap Assessment of IMNS Absorption
      - KA (95% CI) – 9.1 (1.2-15.0) hr<sup>-1</sup>
      - F (95% CI) – 1.39 (1.18-1.99)

PK Comparison of MDZ IMA (DOD) to IMNS (Literature)



# Midazolam PK: IMA vs IMNS Administration Using 95% Limits for IMNS KA / F





# Conclusions

- MDZ concentrations in the first 5 minutes after IM administration are highly variable
- Therapeutic MDZ levels are expected rapidly with IMA administration in using RAMPART dosing in children and adults.
- Higher initial MDZ concentrations are encountered with IMNS vs. IMA administration but are similar 1-1.5 hours post administration.
- While higher MDZ concentrations are predicted in young children (2-6 yr) compared in older populations with RAMPART dosing, MDZ concentrations  $> 200$  ng/mL are rarely expected with IMA.
- Due to more rapid absorption and higher initial concentrations with IMNS administration a mg/kg dosage may be preferable in smaller children.

