

Pharmacologic agents—indications and contraindications.

| <b>Pharmacologic Agent</b> | <b>Indications</b>  | <b>Contraindications</b>  |
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| <b>Diazepam</b>            | Management of anxiety disorders or short-term relief of symptoms of anxiety | Contraindicated with hypersensitivity to benzodiazepines, psychoses, shock, pregnancy, lactation, acute narrow-angle glaucoma, coma, acute alcoholic intoxication, use cautiously with elderly or debilitated patients, impaired liver or kidney function |
| <b>Nitrous Oxide</b>       | Provides anxiety relief, increase acceptance of dental procedures           | Respiratory obstruction, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, pregnancy, emotional instability and history or chronic abuse of nitrous oxide <sup>5,9,10</sup>  |