

DILTIAZEM

THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS	A drug of the Calcium channel blocker class, it is a potent vasodilator and depresses A-V node conduction. It is used in the treatment of hypertension, angina pectoris, and some types of arrhythmia.	
INDICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintenance of therapy, initiated at the transferring hospital for angina, hypertension, paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia (re-entrant supraventricular tachycardia) or atrial fibrillation/atrial flutter (PSVT). 2. May be used to control ventricular rate in new onset or recurrent acute onset atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter. 	
CONTRAINDICATIONS	Hypotension, SA node or AV nodal conduction disturbances, Congestive Heart Failure, Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome (WPW).	
PRECAUTIONS/SIDE EFFECTS	Use with caution in patients on Beta-Blockers. Do not use if patient is on Quinidine	
ADULT DOSAGE/ROUTE	<p style="text-align: center;">Indication 1</p> <p>5-15 mg/hr, titrated to physiologically appropriate heart rate (can dilute in D5W or NS).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Indication 2</p> <p>Acute Rate Control: 15-20 mg (0.25 mg/kg) IV over 2 minutes. May administer a second dose of 20 mg IV in 15 minutes.</p>