



Section 13: Appendix 1: Medications

AMIODARONE (CORDARONE)

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ACTIONS	Prolongs the refractory period and action potential duration
INDICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ventricular fibrillation2. Pulseless ventricular tachycardia3. Wide complex tachycardia with a pulse (with consultation)
CONTRAINDICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Known hypersensitivity2. If lidocaine was previously used, Do Not use amiodarone3. Second / third degree AV blocks
SIDE EFFECTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hypotension2. Prolonged QT interval
SUPPLIED	150 mg / 3 ml vial
ADULT DOSAGE	PULSELESS - Ventricular Fibrillation / Ventricular Tachycardia: 300 mg IV (May be repeated one time at 150 mg IV push in 3-5 minutes) PULSE PRODUCING - Wide Complex Tachycardia: 150 mg in 100 ml's of saline IV SLOW over 10 minutes with minidrip administration set
PEDIATRIC DOSAGE	Ventricular Fibrillation and Pulseless Ventricular Tachycardia: 5 mg / kg IV / IO
KEY POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amiodarone is the preferred antiarrhythmic medication to treat life threatening PULSELESS ventricular arrhythmias• Avoid excessive movement and shaking of the medication• Do not administer concurrently with other medications that prolong QT interval
PROTOCOL USE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult Ventricular Fibrillation / Ventricular Tachycardia• Adult Wide Complex Tachycardia• Pediatric Ventricular Fibrillation / Ventricular Tachycardia