

Jackson Count Medical Control Authority

MICU Protocols

CARDIZEM (DILTIAZEM)

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Indications: Control of rapid ventricular response with A-fib/A-flutter or PSVT.

Contra-indications: Allergy, hypotension, second and third degree heart block or V-tach.

Administration: **Initial dose:** 20 mg (0.25 mg/kg) slow IV push over 2 minutes.

Second dose: at 25 mg (0.35 mg/kg) slow IV push 15 minutes after first dose, if indicated.

DRIP: Start continuous infusion at 5-15 mg/hr.

MICU Directives:

1. Follow generalized protocol for MICU transports.
2. Give repeat IV boluses of 10 – 20 mg and increase the drip rate in 5 mg increments (up to 15 mg/hr total) as necessary to control heart rate.
3. Discontinue if patient develops hypersensitivity (rash).
4. Consider discontinuation or provide alternative appropriate treatment for hemodynamic instability.