

Magnesium Sulfate

Indications: Seizure prevention or control in severe pre-eclampsia or eclampsia.

Contra-indications: Do not give in toxemia of pregnancy during the 2 hours preceding delivery.

Adverse Effects: Flushing, sweating, hypotension, depressed reflexes, respiratory paralysis, increased PR interval, heart block.

Administration: Initial dose 2-4 gms IV, infusion 1-4 gms/hr.

MICU Directives:

1. Follow generalized protocol for MICU transports.
2. Maintain drip per sending facility orders.
3. Discontinue if significant adverse effects occur.