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Indications:

- Recurrent ventricular fibrillation
- Recurrent hemodynamically unstable ventricular tachycardia

Non-FDA approved indications:

- Heart rate control in patients with atrial fibrillation in an acute setting

The drip protocol is NOT for cardiac arrest unresponsive to CPR, shock, and vasopressors. (Please see ACLS guidelines)

Adults: Initial rapid infusion of 150 mg over first 10 minutes. Then begin a slow IV infusion of 1mg/min for the next 6 hours (total dose infused = 360 mg). Then, the infusion rate is lowered to 0.5 mg/min for the next 18 hours (total dose infused = 540 mg). After the first 24 hours, a maintenance IV infusion 0.5 mg/minute (720 mg/day) is recommended.

Conversion from intravenous to oral therapy: If the duration of IV infusion was < 1 week, the initial oral dose is 800-1600 mg/day PO, in divided doses. **The physician will need to write a separate order for PO administration of amiodarone.**

Preparation and administration instructions:

900 mg (2, 450 mg vials) Amiodarone is added to a 500 ml polyolefin (non-PVC) bag of D5W. The final concentration equals **1.74 mg/ml**. Use an in-line filter during administration.

Rapid infusion: Set IV pump to run 86 ml over 10 minutes (516 ml/hr) = 150 mg

First slow infusion: Set IV pump to run 207 ml over 6 hours (34.5 ml/hr) = 360 mg

Second slow infusion: Set IV pump to run 310 ml over 18 hours (17.2ml/hr) = 540 mg

Physician Signature

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