

Kittitas County Prehospital Care Protocols

Subject: AMIODARONE HCl (CORDARONE)

ACTION:

Persistent or recurrent V-Fib or V-Tach, SVT, Atrial Fibrillation

INDICATIONS:

- Cordarone I.V. is indicated for initiation of treatment and prophylaxis of frequently recurring ventricular fibrillation and hemodynamically unstable ventricular tachycardia in patients refractory to other therapy.
- Cordarone I.V. also can be used to treat patients with VT/VF for whom oral Cordarone is indicated, but who are unable to take oral medication.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Known hypersensitivity to any of the components of Cordarone I.V.
- Cardiogenic shock.
- Marked sinus bradycardia.
- Second- or third- degree AV block unless a functioning pacemaker is available.

PRECAUTIONS:

SIDE EFFECTS:

- Hypotension
- Bradycardia and AV Block

DOSAGE:

Administer 300 mg IV push.

If VF/pulseless VT recurs, consider administration of a second dose of 150 mg IV.

Maximum cumulative dose = 2.2 g over 24 hours.

150 mg over 10 min. for SVT

150 mg over 10 min. for atrial fibrillation for rate control

ROUTE:

IV Push

PEDIATRIC DOSE:

NOT RECOMMENDED

Effective Date: January 19, 2005

Medical Program Director: