

## Kittitas County Prehospital EMS Protocols

**SUBJECT: AMIODARONE HCl (CORDARONE)**

**ACTION:**

Persistent or recurrent V-Fib or V-Tach, 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 atrial fibrillation for rate control

**ROUTE:**

IV Push / IO

**PEDIATRIC DOSE:**

5mg/kg, IV or IO