

Kittitas County Prehospital EMS Protocols

SUBJECT: IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE

ACTION:

An anticholinergic (parasympatholytic) agent that inhibits vagally-mediated reflexes by antagonizing the action of acetylcholine, resulting in bronchodilation. Also dries respiratory tract secretions and reduces bronchospasm.

INDICATIONS:

Bronchospasm due to reactive airway diseases (COPD) and Asthma

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Known hypersensitivity to ipratropium bromide
- Known hypersensitivity to atropine or its derivatives

PRECAUTIONS:

Should be used with caution in patients with narrow-angle glaucoma, with specific attention made to protect the patient's eyes at all times.

SIDE EFFECTS:

Anxiety, Nausea, Vomiting, Heart Palpitations

DOSAGE:

0.5mg via Nebulizer q 10-15 minutes PRN, not to exceed three doses.
Can be used in conjunction with 2.5mg **Albuterol**

ROUTE:

Inhalation

PEDIATRIC DOSE:

0.25mg via Small Volume Nebulizer