

Kittitas County Prehospital Care Protocols

Subject: ATROPINE

ACTION:

Blocks acetylcholine receptors, positive chronotrope

INDICATIONS:

Symptomatic bradycardia, third degree heart block, and organophosphate poisoning

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

None when used in emergency situations

PRECAUTIONS:

Do not administer less than 0.5 mg. Dose of 3.0 mg should not be exceeded except in cases of organophosphate poisoning.

SIDE EFFECTS:

Palpitation, headache, dry mouth

DOSAGE:

Bradycardia: 0.5 - 1.0 mg every 5 minutes to a maximum of 3.0 mg.
Organophosphate poisoning: 2 - 5 mg.

ROUTE:

IV

PEDIATRIC DOSE:

Bradycardia: 0.02 mg/kg
Organophosphate Poisoning: 0.05 mg/kg

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