

Amiodarone (Cordarone®) – 20.050

CLASS: A

PROTOCOL(S) USED IN: Cardiac Arrest VT/VF, Cardiac Dysrhythmia Tachycardia

PHARMACOLOGY AND ACTIONS:

- A. Antiarrhythmic

INDICATIONS:

- A. Refractory sustained ventricular fibrillation/pulseless ventricular tachycardia.
- B. Ventricular tachycardia with a pulse.

SIDE EFFECTS AND NOTES:

- A. If administering for “stable” VT (with a pulse), remain prepared for prompt cardioversion as the natural progression of untreated “stable” VT with a pulse is to unstable/pulseless VT.
- B. Shaking vials will cause foaming of the medication

ADULT DOSING:

Pulseless rhythms: **300 mg rapid IV/IO push followed by a 10ml LR or NS flush.**
May repeat at **150 mg rapid IV/IO push followed by a 10 ml LR or NS flush.**

Rhythm with a pulse: **150 mg in 100ml of NS over 10-20 minutes IV/IO**

PEDIATRIC DOSING:

Vfib/Vtach with/without a pulse: **5 mg/kg IV/IO.** May repeat twice up to the max adult dose.