

## FORMULARY

### Nicardipine (Cardene)

Class of Drug	Calcium Channel Blocker
Mechanism of Action	Inhibits calcium ion influx into vascular smooth muscle and myocardium, producing peripheral and coronary vasodilation
Indications	Hypertension
Contraindications	Hypersensitivity, severe aortic stenosis
Adverse Effects	Headache, dizziness, hypotension, asthenia, angina, flushing, nausea, vomiting, tachycardia, palpitations, AV block
Precautions	Renal impairment, hepatic impairment, heart failure, portal hypertension, cerebral hemorrhage, cerebral infarct, pheochromocytoma
Dosing/Administration	IV infusion - titrate to effect: Start: 5 mg/h IV, may incr. by 2.5 mg/h q5-15min; Max: 15 mg/h
Pregnancy Category	Category C. Weigh risk vs benefit.