

**CLASS A: Hyperkalemia, Premedication for Antidysrhythmic Use**

**CLASS B: Calcium Channel Blocker OD (Except Cardiac Arrest),  
Hydrogen Fluoride exposure**

**PROTOCOL(S) USED IN: Cardiac Arrest, Cardiac Dysrhythmia Tachycardia,  
Hyperkalemia, Poisoning & Overdoses**

**PHARMACOLOGY AND ACTIONS:**

Increases the force of myocardial contraction by initiation of myofibril shortening. The positive inotropic effects and vasoconstricting effects produce a rise in systemic arterial pressure.

**INDICATIONS:**

1. Hyperkalemia
2. Suspected Calcium Channel Blocker OD
3. Hypotension prior to antidysrhythmic use
4. Hydrogen Fluoride exposure

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:**

**Hypercalcemia and hypercalciuria (hyperthyroidism, Vitamin D overdose, bone metastases)  
Patients on Digoxin**

**When administered in the same IV as Sodium Bicarbonate**

**SIDE EFFECTS AND NOTES:**

- A. Extravasation of Calcium salts will cause necrosis of tissue. The IV should be secured and free blood return into the syringe should be checked 2-3 times during administration. If extravasation does occur, immediately stop administration.
- B. Administer slowly (no faster than 200 mg/min) and stop if patient complains of distress. Inject using a small needle into a large vein.
- C. Rapid injection of Calcium may cause vasodilatation, decreased blood pressure, bradycardia, cardiac arrhythmias, syncope and cardiac arrest. May produce coronary and cerebral artery spasms.
- D. One preloaded vial of 10 ml Calcium Chloride contains 1 g of calcium chloride salt (= 270 mg elemental calcium or 14 mEq calcium or 7 mmol calcium)

**ADULT DOSING:**

**Premedication to Diltiazem (Systolic BP <90 mmHg): 500 mg slow IV/IO**

**Hyperkalemia: 1 g slow IV/IO over 5-10 minutes**

**Calcium Blocker OD: Contact OLMC - 1 g slow IV/IO over 5-10 minutes**

**Hydrogen Fluoride Exposure: Contact OLMC - See Exposure Protocol**

## Calcium Chloride 10% – 20.080

### **PEDIATRIC DOSING:**

#### **Hyperkalemia, Calcium Channel Blocker Overdose:**

20 mg/kg slow IV/IO over 5 – 10 minutes. Max dose 1 g - **Contact OLMC for OD**