

PHYSICIAN'S ORDERS  
Ibutilide (Corvert) Protocol  
(ICU, PCU, CATH LAB, & ED)

Drug Allergies:

**Indications for Uses:**

- ☐ Rapid conversion of atrial fibrillation, duration of onset less than 2 to 3 days.  
☐ Duration of atrial fibrillation greater than 2 to 3 days on adequate anticoagulation (greater than 14 days).  
☐ Rapid conversion of atrial flutter to sinus rhythm, duration less than 90 days.  
☐ Pre treatment of Electrocardioversion

**Check below labs within 12 hours prior to initiating Corvert**

\_\_\_\_\_ K+ level (Normal 3.5-5mmol/L) \_\_\_\_\_ Mg<sup>2+</sup> + level (Normal 1.6-2.2 mg/dl) \_\_\_\_\_ QTc interval baseline (less than 440 m/sec)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Digoxin Level (0.9-2 ng/ml)

**If above values outside of range, correct prior to therapy.**

**Administration**

☒ Monitor patient for torsades/polymorphic VT 4 hours after administration.

Dosage – Adult

- ☐ Weight **greater than 60 kg** Corvert 1 mg/50ml D5W IV over 10 minutes / time of administration: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Second dose if needed Corvert 1 mg/50ml D5W IV over 10 minutes / time of administration: \_\_\_\_\_ ( At least 10 minutes after the first dose)  
☐ Weight **less than 60 kg** Corvert 0.01 mg/kg/50ml D5W IV over 10 minutes / time of administration: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Second dose if needed Corvert 0.01 mg/kg/50ml D5W IV over 10 minutes / time of administration: \_\_\_\_\_ (At least 10 minutes after the first dose)

**Contraindications.**

☐ Patient less than 18 years of age ☐ Patient is pregnant or breast feeding ☐ QTc interval greater than 440 m/sec

**Relative Contraindications.**

- Before initiating therapy correct electrolyte disorders
- Atrial fibrillation greater than 2-3 days, patient must be anticoagulated for 14 days before starting therapy
- Potential drug interactions that prolong QT interval should be discontinued 48-hours prior to starting Ibutilide. Include but not limited to antiarrhythmic agents e.g. Disopyramide, Quinidine, Procainamide, Amiodarone, Sotalol, Flecainide .
- H1-receptor antagonist antihistamines, phenothiazines, tetracyclic antidepressants, tricyclic antidepressants, other drugs that prolong QTc interval: May increase risk for proarrhythmia. **Monitor patient closely.**
- Digoxin level greater than 2 ng/ml.

**Outcome Criteria**

- ☐ Conversion to normal sinus rhythm ☐ Infusion stopped, developed polymorphic ventricular tachycardia  
☐ Infusion stopped;/ QTc became prolonged ☐ Therapy discontinued because of an adverse reaction  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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