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**Conway Medical Center**

**Conway, South Carolina**

**Physician's Orders**

**ER/ICU/PCU/CATH LAB ONLY**

**For Cardene IV (Nicardipine)**

Center Patient Admission  
Label Here

**Calcium channel blocker for Hypertensive Emergency and urgency.**

Another brand of drug identical in form and content may be  
dispensed unless checked ☐

Allergies:

**Indications:**

1. Hypertensive emergency and urgency
2. Angina

**Central line preferred or large bore PIV**

**Administration:**

Dilute each ampule (25mg/10ml) with 240ml of either NS or D5W to make 250ml of IV solution for a final concentration of 0.1mg/ml or use premixed 20mg/200ml bag.

Initiate Cardene IV at 5mg/hr.

Titration instructions: 2.5mg/hr Q 10 minutes; Max dose of 15mg/hr to achieve target BP..

Goal: SBP \_\_\_\_\_ or MAP: \_\_\_\_\_

BP and HR upon initiation of infusion and with every titration.

VS Q15min x 2hrs, then Q30 x 2hrs, then Q1hr when stable.

**\*\* Hold and notify provider for symptomatic hypotension or tachycardia**

**\*\* If a peripheral vein is used, the infusion site should be inspected at a minimum of Q 2 hours and rotate site Q 12 hours.**

***Precautions: Acute myocardial infarction, bradycardia, cardiogenic shock, elderly, heart failure, hepatic disease, intracranial bleeding, pregnancy, stroke.***

***Contraindications: Advanced aortic stenosis, hypersensitivity to calcium channel blockers.***

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**Physician Signature**

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**Date**

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**Time**

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**Nurse # 1 verifying rate**

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**Nurse # 2 verifying rate**