

**RELATIVE CONTRAINDICATIONS:** Narrow-angle glaucoma, GI obstruction, severe ulcerative colitis, toxic megacolon, bladder outlet obstruction, myasthenia gravis, hemorrhage w/cardiovascular instability, thyrotoxicosis

### **Calcium Chloride**

**Name** — Calcium Chloride

**Class** — Antidotes, other; calcium salts

**Pharmacologic Action** — Bone mineral component; cofactor in enzymatic reactions, essential for neurotransmission, muscle contraction, and many signal transduction pathways

**Indications** — For use in topical burns (hydrofluoric acid) or for use in calcium channel blocker overdose

**Contraindications** — Hypercalcemia, documented hypersensitivity, life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias may occur in known or suspected severe hypokalemia

**WARNING:** There is a risk for digitalis toxicity. Be cautious of peripheral IV use as significant tissue necrosis at injection site may occur

### **Calcium Gluconate**

**Name** — Gluconate®

**Class** — Antidotes, other; calcium salts

**Pharmacologic Action** — Bone mineral component; cofactor in enzymatic reactions, essential for neurotransmission, muscle contraction, and many signal transduction pathways

**Indications** — For use in topical burns (hydrofluoric acid) or for use in calcium channel blocker overdose

**Contraindications** — Hypercalcemia, documented hypersensitivity, sarcoidosis, life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias may occur in known or suspected severe hypokalemia

**WARNING:** There is a risk for digitalis toxicity

### **Cimetidine**

**Name** — Tagamet®

**Class** — Histamine H2 antagonist

**Pharmacologic Action** — blocks H2-receptors of gastric parietal cells, leading to inhibition of gastric secretions

**Indications** — For the management of gastric or duodenal ulcers, gastroesophageal reflux, as an adjunct in the treatment of urticarial and/or pruritis in patients suffering from allergic reaction

**Contraindications** — Hypersensitivity to cimetidine or other H2-receptor antagonists

### **Dexamethasone**

**Name** — Decadron®, Dexasone®

**Class** — Corticosteroid, anti-inflammatory drugs

**Pharmacologic Action** — Potent glucocorticoid with minimal to no mineralocorticoid activity  
Decreases inflammation by suppressing migration of polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMNs) and reducing capillary permeability; stabilizes cell and lysosomal membranes, increases surfactant synthesis, increases serum vitamin A concentration, and inhibits prostaglandin and proinflammatory cytokines; suppresses lymphocyte proliferation through direct cytotoxicity, inhibits mitosis, breaks down granulocyte aggregates, and improves pulmonary microcirculation

**Indications** — Used in the management of croup and bronchospasm, as well as the management of patients suffering from high altitude cerebral edema (HACE)

**Contraindications** — Documented hypersensitivity, systemic fungal infection, cerebral malaria

### **Dextrose**

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#### **APPENDICES**

##### **III. Medications**