



Class — Pulmonary artery hypertension therapy, PDE-5 inhibitors; phosphodiesterase-5 enzyme inhibitor

Pharmacologic Action — Inhibits PDE-5, increasing cyclic guanosine monophosphate (cGMP) to allow smooth-muscle relaxation

Indications — As an adjunct to descent in the management of high-altitude pulmonary edema (HAPE)

Contraindications — Concomitant use of organic nitrates in any form (e.g., nitroglycerin, isosorbide, illicit “poppers”) either regularly or intermittently, increases risk of severe or potentially fatal hypotension, hypersensitivity

WARNING: Hypotension may occur due to vasodilation

Sodium Bicarbonate

Name — Bicarb

Class — Antidote, other

Pharmacologic Action — Increases blood and urinary pH by releasing a bicarbonate ion, which in turn neutralizes hydrogen ion concentrations

Indications — For the management of cardiac arrest in cases in which either hyperkalemia or tricyclic antidepressant (TCA) overdose are suspected as contributory, QRS prolongation in known or suspected TCA overdose

Contraindications — Documented hypersensitivity, severe pulmonary edema, known alkalosis, hypernatremia, or hypocalcemia

Sodium Nitrite

Name — Nithiodote®

Class — Cyanide antidote

Pharmacologic Action — Nitrites create methemoglobins to bind to cyanide

Indications — For the management of cyanide toxicity

Contraindications — Documented hypersensitivity, suspected or confirmed smoke inhalation and/or carbon monoxide poisoning

WARNING: There is a risk of worsening hypoxia due to methemoglobin formation. In addition, sodium nitrite can cause serious adverse reactions and death from hypotension and methemoglobin formation. Monitor to ensure adequate perfusion and oxygenation during treatment with sodium nitrite

Sodium Thiosulfate

Name — Nithiodote®

Class — Cyanide antidote

Pharmacologic Action — Thiosulfate is sulfur donor utilized by rhodanese to convert cyanide to less toxic thiocyanate

Indications — For the management of cyanide toxicity

Contraindications — Documented hypersensitivity

Sorbitol

Name — Sorbitol

Class — Laxatives, osmotic

Pharmacologic Action — Polyalcoholic sugar with hyperosmotic effects

Indications — Administered for the management of patients suffering from toxic ingestions

Contraindications — Acute abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, or other symptoms of appendicitis or undiagnosed abdominal pain, documented hypersensitivity

WARNING: Sorbitol is no longer recommended to be given with activated charcoal