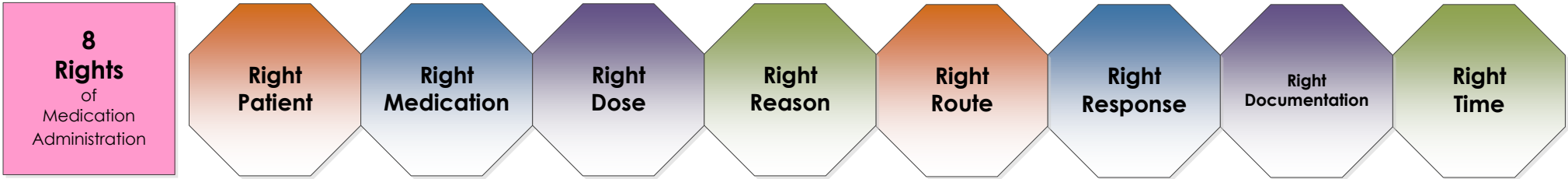




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Medications

Drug	Indication	Initial Dosing	Repeat Dosing	Caution
Acetaminophen	Pain Control	IV/IO – 1,000 mg over 15 minutes (1 drop/sec w/ 10 drop/ml tubing – administer over 15 min)	Do not repeat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Do not administer if patient has taken more than 2,000 mg in past 24 hours.</li><li>Do not administer to patients with severe liver impairment/disease.</li></ul>
	Fever ≥ 100.5° F or 38° C			
Adenosine	Narrow complex tachycardia	Initial – 6 mg rapid IV <b>Follow with 20 ml NS rapid IV</b>	Repeat x1 – 12 mg rapid IV <b>Follow with 20 ml NS rapid IV</b>	May cause transient heart block or asystole. Use ½ dose for patients taking carbamazepine or dipyrimidole. Do not administer if patient is experiencing acute asthma exacerbation.
Albuterol	Bronchospasm	5 mg nebulized <i>or</i> 6 puffs MDI with spacer	Repeat as needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use continuous cardiac monitoring with patients taking MAOI antidepressants (phenelzine and tarnylcypromine)</li><li>When using MDI, always use a spacer.</li></ul>
	Crush injury/Hyperkalemia	10 mg nebulized continuously or 6 puffs MDI with spacer	Repeat as needed	
Aspirin	Chest pain – suspected cardiac or STEMI	324 mg PO	Do not repeat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contraindicated in aspirin or salicylate allergy.</li><li>Blood thinner use is not a contraindication.</li></ul>
Atropine	Symptomatic bradycardia	Initial – 1 mg IV/IO	Repeat every 3-5 min. to a max of 3 mg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Can dilate pupils, aggravate glaucoma; cause urinary retention, confusion, and dysrhythmias (V-Tach/V-Fib). Increases myocardial O<sub>2</sub> consumption.</li><li>Bradycardia in children is often respiratory related; ensure adequate ventilation first.</li><li>Doses &lt;n 0.5mg can cause paradoxical bradycardia.</li></ul>
	Organophosphate overdose	Initial – 1-2 mg IV/IO/IM	Repeat every 3-5 min. until relief of symptoms is achieved	
Calcium Chloride	Calcium channel blocker OD	1 g IV/IO over 60 seconds	Do not repeat	Use cautiously or not at all in patients on digitalis. Avoid extravasation. Rapid administration can cause dysrhythmias or arrest.
	Crush injury			
	Hyperkalemia			
Dextrose 10%	Hypoglycemia	Initial – 100 ml IV/IO	Repeat – 150 ml if glucose remains ≤ 70 mg/dl and patients remains altered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Can cause tissue necrosis if IV/IO is infiltrated.</li><li>Recheck blood glucose after administration.</li></ul>
Diphenhydramine	Allergic reaction	50 mg IV/IO/IM	Do not repeat	May cause drowsiness.
	Nausea in pregnancy < 20 weeks	25 mg IV/IO/IM		
	Dystonic reaction	25-50 mg IV/IO or 50 mg IM		
Dopamine	Persistent hypotension unrelated to hypovolemia	400 mg in 250 ml NS Infuse at 5-20 mcg/kg/min titrated to response	Do not repeat	None
Epi 1:1,000	Anaphylaxis	0.3 mg IM	May repeat x 1 after 5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Never administer IV/IO.</li><li>Use with caution in asthma patients with a history of hypertension or coronary artery disease. May cause serious dysrhythmias or exacerbate angina.</li></ul>
	Asthma/COPD or respiratory distress	0.3 mg IM	May repeat x 1 after 5 min	
	Stridor	5 mg nebulized	Do not repeat	
Epi 1:10,000	PEA/Asystole	1 mg IV/IO	May repeat every 3-5 min. to a max of 3 mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>May cause serious dysrhythmias or exacerbate angina.</li><li>In adult anaphylactic patients, should be used if patient is hypotensive or no improvement after two (2) Epi 1:1,000 IM doses.</li></ul>
	V-Fib/Pulseless V-Tach	1 mg IV/IO	May repeat every 3-5 min. to a max of 3 mg	
	Anaphylaxis (bradycardia after max Epi 1:1,000 IM)	0.1 mg slow IV/IO	May repeat every 3-5 min. as needed to a max of 0.5 mg	
EpiPen	Allergic reaction/Anaphylaxis	1 auto-injector	May repeat x1 after 5 min. if no improvement	None
Fentanyl	Pain control	IV/IO – 50 mcg initial	May repeat every 5 min. to max of 200 mcg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recheck vital signs between doses. Respiratory depression is reversible with naloxone.</li><li>Contraindicated in SBP &lt; 90mmHg, child birth or active labor, sudden onset of severe headache, AMS, suspected closed head injury.</li></ul>
		IM – 50 mcg initial	May repeat x1 after 10 min. to max of 100 mcg	
		IN – 50 mcg (½ each nare)	Do not repeat	
		! If initial dose is via IN, may repeat by other route to maximum indicated – must account for initial dose when calculating maximum dose.		
Glucagon	Hypoglycemia	IM – 1 mg	May repeat x 1 after 10 min.	Effect may be delayed 15-20 minutes.
	Symptomatic Beta Blocker overdose	IV/IO/IM – 1-3 mg	Do not repeat	
Glucose paste	Hypoglycemia	15 g PO	Do not repeat	Not indicated with AMS or if patient cannot swallow.
Glucola	Hypoglycemia	50 g PO	Do not repeat	Not indicated with AMS or if patient cannot swallow.





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Levalbuterol	Bronchospasm	2.5 mg nebulized	Repeat as needed	Use continuous cardiac monitoring with patients taking MAOI antidepressants (Phenelzine and Tarnylcypromine).
	Crush injury/Hyperkalemia	5 mg nebulized continuously	Repeat as needed	
Lidocaine	Persistent V-Fib/V-Tach	1-1.5 mg/kg IV/IO	May repeat 0.5-0.75 mg/kg to a maximum of 3 mg/kg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use caution with bradycardia.</li><li>Can cause cardiac dysrhythmia</li></ul>
	IO anesthetic	40 mg IO	Do not repeat	
Midazolam	Seizure	IM – 10 mg	May repeat x1 after 5 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use caution in patients over 60 years of age.</li><li>Monitor respiratory status after administration.</li></ul>
		IN – 10 mg (½ each nare)	May repeat x1 after 5 min.	
		IV if already established – 5 mg	May repeat x1 after 5 min.	
	Hyperactive delirium	5 mg IM/IN	May repeat x1 after 5 min.	
	Sedation for pacing or cardioversion	2.5 mg IV/IO	May repeat to a max of 5 mg	
	Sedation of patient with an advanced airway	2.5 mg IV/IO	May repeat to a max of 5 mg	
	Dizziness/vertigo	2.5 mg IV/IN	Do not repeat	Do not administer if patient is > 50 for dizziness/vertigo.
Naloxone	Respiratory depression or apnea associated with suspected opioid overdose	IN – 2 mg (½ dose each nare)	Repeat as needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Abrupt withdrawal symptoms and combative behavior may occur.</li><li>IN administration preferred unless patient is in shock or has copious secretions/blood in nares. Titrate to effect; it is not necessary to fully wake the patient.</li></ul>
		IM/IV - 1-2 mg	Repeat as needed	
Naloxone autoinjector/preload	Overdose	1 preload syringe	Repeat as needed	See Naloxone
Nitroglycerin	Chest pain	0.4 mg SL if BP > 110mmHg	May repeat as needed every 5 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Can cause hypotension and headache. Do not administer if systolic BP &lt; 110mmHg or heart rate &lt; 50.</li><li>Do not administer if patient has taken Viagra, Levitra, Staxyn, or Stendra within past 24 hours or Cialis if taken within 36 past hours.</li></ul>
	Pulmonary edema	0.4 mg SL if systolic BP > 110mmHg 0.8 mg SL if systolic BP > 150mmHg	May repeat appropriate dose every 5 min.	
Ondansetron	Vomiting or severe nausea	4 mg IV/IO/IM/ODT	May repeat after 15 min. to a maximum of 12 mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Administer IV/IO dose over 1 min. as rapid administration may cause syncope.</li><li>For patients with nausea who are &lt; 20 weeks pregnant, consider Diphenhydramine.</li></ul>
	Nausea in pregnancy > 20 weeks	4 mg IV/IO/IM/ODT	May repeat after 15 min. to a maximum of 12 mg	
Sodium Bicarbonate	Tricyclic antidepressant overdose	1 mEq/kg IV/IO	Do not repeat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Can precipitate with or inactivate other drugs.</li><li>Use only if life-threatening or in the presence of hemodynamically significant dysrhythmias.</li></ul>
	Crush injury	1 mEq/kg IV/IO		
	Hyperkalemia	1 mEq/kg IV/IO		
	Cardiac arrest with known renal failure	1 mEq/kg IV/IO		
Suboxone	Opioid withdrawal	Base Hospital order required	May repeat x 1 with 8 mg after 10 min.	If patient requests to AMA after administration, recontact Base Hospital.
		SL – 16 mg (sublingual)	Maximum dose = 24 mg	
Valium	Hazmat/WMD exposure	Refer to dosing guide attached to ChemPak kit	Refer to dosing guide attached to ChemPak kit	None

