

12.04 INTRAVENOUS INFUSION OF AMIODARONE HYDROCHLORIDE CCT PARAMEDICS

- These procedures/interventions shall only be performed by paramedics with CCT-P (Critical Care Transport-Paramedic) training and designation.
- Patients shall be placed on cardiac and pulse oximetry monitors for duration of transport.
- Signed transfer orders from the transferring physician must be obtained prior to transport and must provide for maintaining the **Amiodarone Hydrochloride** infusion during transport.
- If medication administration is interrupted (infiltration, accidental disconnection, malfunctioning pump, etc.) the CCT-P may restart the IV line as delineated in the transfer orders. Caution must be used to prevent inadvertent overdose of medication.
- The following parameters shall apply to all patients with pre-existing **Amiodarone Hydrochloride** infusions:
 - Medication concentration must be a minimum of 150 mg/250 ml D5W (0.6 mg/ml); unstable in a more dilute solution.
 - Infusion rates may vary between 0.5 – 1.0 mg/minute.
 - Physician guidelines must specify the infusion rate within the CCT-P scope of practice.
- Infusion rates must remain constant during transport with no regulation of rates being performed by the CCT-P, except for discontinuation of the infusion.
- If pump failure occurs and cannot be corrected, the paramedic is to discontinue the **Amiodarone Hydrochloride** infusion and notify the transferring physician or the base hospital physician if the transferring physician is not available.
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 2. **Sodium Bicarbonate**
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