



Class 3 IFT-Paramedic Treatment Protocol 3203

Anti-arrhythmic

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Medications administered in order to control atrial and/or ventricular arrhythmias and improve cardiac pumping action and cardiac output.

The medications in this protocol are monitor only for the C3-IFT-paramedic.

A. Perform **Class 3 IFTA Protocol 9203**.

B. Treatment:

1. Continue infusion rate as **ordered by the sending physician**.
2. Blood pressure and heart rate should be assessed and documented every 15 minutes while anti-arrhythmic medications are infusing.
3. Monitor for signs or symptoms of hypoperfusion such as hypotension, bradycardia, pallor, dyspnea, nausea, vomiting, and altered mental status.

4. Discontinue medication and **consult MCP** if patient exhibits signs of hypoperfusion.



C. Medications:

1. **Amiodarone (Cordarone)**: 0.5 to 1 mg/min IV is common therapeutic dose.
2. **Diltiazem (Cardizem)**: 5 to 15 mg/hr IV is common therapeutic dose.
3. **Procainamide (Pronestyl)**: 1 to 4 mg/min is common therapeutic dose.