



Class 3 IFT-Paramedic Treatment Protocol 3204

Vasopressor

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Medications administered to manage central hypoperfusion by increasing blood pressure, mean arterial pressure, and improving cardiac output.

If more than one vasopressor medication is required to maintain blood pressure and perfusion, contact Medical Command for aeromedical or CCT ground transport.



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

B. Treatment:

1. Continue infusion rate as **ordered by the sending physician**.
2. Medications should be titrated to maintain minimum systolic blood pressure of 90 mmHg and/or mean arterial pressure (MAP) of 60 mmHg.
3. Vital signs should be assessed and documented every 15 minutes while vasopressor medications are infusing.
4. Monitor for dyspnea, pulmonary edema, severe tachycardia, hypertension, or phlebitis.
5. Discontinue medication and **consult MCP** if patient exhibits signs of hypertension, tachycardia, or IV infiltration.



C. Medications:

6. **Dopamine** 5 to 20 mcg/kg/min IV. Sending physician will order dose, blood pressure and pulse parameters for titration. Titrate at 2 mcg/kg/min every 5 minutes. **Consult with MCP** if patient remains hypotensive with Dopamine infusing at 20 mcg/kg/min IV.



7. **Dobutamine** 2 to 20 mcg/kg/min IV. Must be initiated by the sending physician. Sending physician will order dose, blood pressure and pulse parameters for titration. Titrate at 2 mcg/kg/min every 5 minutes. **Consult with MCP** if patient remains hypotensive with Dobutamine infusing at 20 mcg/kg/min IV.

