

Class 3 IFT-Paramedic Treatment Protocol 3203

Vasodilator Page 1 of 1

This protocol is utilized when the patient is being treated with vasodilators for reduction of preload and or afterload. .

- A. Perform Class 3 IFTA Protocol 9206. Perform Inter-Facility Transport Assessment (IFTA) Procedures Patient Care Protocol 9204 and follow the proper protocol for medical management based on clinical presentation.
- B. Continue vasodilator as **ordered by the sending physician**.
- C. Monitor patient for hypotension, bradycardia, or tachycardia.
- D. Titrate:
- 1. As needed in increments to maintain blood pressure within systolic parameters determined by the sending physician.
- 2. Obtain vital signs every 5 minutes when titrating vasodilator or if patient's condition changes.
- 3. For patient's experiencing **new onset or worsening** of chest pain during an interfacility titrate the vasodilator.
 - i. Reassess patient's vital signs and obtain an additional 12 lead ECG.
 - ii. Titrate vasodilator as ordered by the **sending physician**.
- E. If blood pressure drops below 90 systolic or more than 30 mmHg, <u>temporarily</u> stop the vasodilator and reassess the patient. Consider a 250 ml bolus of normal saline IV.
 - F. If patient remains hypotensive **consult MCP**.

