

Calcium Chloride

Classification:	electrolyte
Actions:	increases the force of myocardial contraction
Indications:	hypocalcemia, hyperkalemia, calcium channel blocker toxicity, antidote for magnesium sulfate
Contraindications:	patients receiving digitalis
Precautions:	precipitate digitalis toxicity, precipitate sodium bicarbonate, tissue necrosis
Side effects:	hypotension, asystole, bradycardia
Dosage:	2-4mg/kg of a 10% solution repeat every 10 min if necessary
Route:	IV

References:

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