

Diltiazem (Cardizem)

- Class: Calcium channel blocker
- Action: Slows SA and AV node conduction
Causes coronary and peripheral vasodilation
Decreases myocardial oxygen demand and contractility
- Indications: Rapid ventricular rates associated with atrial fibrillation and flutter
PSVT
- Contra-
Indications: Hypotension
2nd and 3rd degree AV block
Wider complex tachycardia
Cardiogenic shock
Hypersensitivity
- Precautions: Hypotension
Should not be used in pts. on intravenous Beta blockers
Keep drug refrigerated
- Side Effects: Nausea
Vomiting
Hypotension
Dizziness
Headache
Chest pain
- Dosage: 0.25 mg/kg IV bolus
Maintenance dose 5-15 mg / hr
- Route: IV,IV drips
- Sources: Mosby's Paramedic Textbook
Second Edition
Brady Prehospital Emergency Pharmacology
Fifth Edition