

Nitroglycerin

Names :	Nitrostat
Classifications :	Vasodilator
Actions :	rapidly relaxes smooth muscle which lessens cardiac work and causes coronary artery dilation
Indications :	congestive heart failure, pain associated with angina pectoris & pulmonary edema
Contraindications :	hypotension, increased intracranial pressure, shock and hypersensitivity to the drug
Precautions :	monitor blood pressure, keep patients in a supine position due to the potential of syncopal episodes, higher doses may be required for those patient who take Nitro on a regular basis.
Side Effects :	nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, hypotension, and postural syncope
Dosage :	1 tablet (0.4 mg) every 3-5 min up to 3 tablets. 0.5 - 1 inch of paste. One spray SL, but no more than 3 sprays in a 25 min period.
Route :	Sublingual, patch

References :

1. Mosby=s Paramedic Text Book
Second Edition copyright 2000
2. Brady Prehospital Emergency Pharmacology
Fifth Edition copyright 2001
3. Brady Paramedic Emergency Care
Third Edition copyright 1997