

Norepinephrine(Levophed)

Classification:	Vasopressor
Action:	Potent peripheral constiction
Indication:	B/P less than 70mm Hg after other vasopressors have been unsuccessful, septic, and neurogenic shock.
Contraindication:	Patients with heart disease or with hypovolemia.
Precaution:	Constantly measure B/P, fluids should be replaced prior to administration, and necrosis.
Side Effects:	Nausea and vomiting, headache, decreases in urinary output, hypertension, and anxiety.
Dosage:	0.5ug to 30ug/min (8mg placed in a 500mL of D5W)
Route:	IV drip only

Reference: Emergency Critical Care Pocket Guide(ACLS Version), Brady's Prehospital Emergency Pharmacology(Fifth Edition), Mosby's Paramedic Textbook(Second Edition)