

Procainamide

Name:	Pronestyl
Classification:	antiarrhythmic
Actions:	suppress ventricular ectopy, converts supra ventricular arrhythmias, Increases ventricular fibrillation threshold
Indications:	ongoing cardiac arrest due to ventricular fibrillation, and when lidocaine isn't working, ventricular tachycardia when lidocaine isn't working
Contraindications:	heart blocks, PVCs in conjunctions with bradycardia
Precautions:	monitor CNS for toxicity
Side effects:	anxiety, nausea, convulsions, widening QRS complex
Dosage:	bolus 20-30 mg/min up to 17mg/kg, IV infusion 2-4 mg/min
Route:	slow IV bolus, IV infusion

References:

1. www.nursewise.com
2. Brady prehospital emergency pharmacology fifth edition: copyright 2000
3. Brady Paramedic emergency care third edition: copyright 1997