

Propranolol

Other name:	Inderal
CLASS:	Sympathetic blocker
ACTIONS:	nonselectively blocks beta adrenergic receptors
INDICATIONS:	Ventricular tachyarrhythmias and ventricular fibrillation refractory to lidocaine and bretylium, tachyarrhythmias due to digitalis toxicity.
CONTRAINDICATIONS:	asthma, COPD, CHF, patients dependent on sympathetic agonist.
PRECAUTIONS:	shouldn't be given concurrently with verapamil, atropine and transcutaneous pacing should be available
SIDE EFFECTS:	bradycardia, heart blocks, CHF, broncho spasm
DOSAGE:	1-3mg diluted in 10-30ml of D5W given slowly IV
ROUTE:	slow IV bolus

References:

1. Brady Prehospital Emergency Pharmacology fifth edition copyright 2001
2. Brady Paramedic Emergency Care third edition copyright 1997
3. Prehospital Drug Therapy copyright 1994