12.04 INTRAVENOUS INFUSION OF AMIODARONE HYDROCHLORIDE
CCT PARAMEDICS

- These procedures/interventions shall only be performed by paramedics with CCT-P (Critical Care Transport-Paramedic) training and designation.
- Patients shall be placed on cardiac and pulse oximetry monitors for duration of transport.
- Signed transfer orders from the transferring physician must be obtained prior to transport and must provide for maintaining the Amiodarone Hydrochloride infusion during transport.
- If medication administration is interrupted (infiltration, accidental disconnection, malfunctioning pump, etc.) the CCT-P may restart the IV line as delineated in the transfer orders. Caution must be used to prevent inadvertent overdose of medication.
- The following parameters shall apply to all patients with pre-existing Amiodarone Hydrochloride infusions:
  - Medication concentration must be a minimum of 150 mg/250 ml D5W (0.6 mg/ml); unstable in a more dilute solution.
  - Infusion rates may vary between 0.5 – 1.0 mg/minute.
  - Physician guidelines must specify the infusion rate within the CCT-P scope of practice.
- Infusion rates must remain constant during transport with no regulation of rates being performed by the CCT-P, except for discontinuation of the infusion.
- If pump failure occurs and cannot be corrected, the paramedic is to discontinue the Amiodarone Hydrochloride infusion and notify the transferring physician or the base hospital physician if the transferring physician is not available.
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- CCT-Ps may not initiate Amiodarone Hydrochloride infusions.
- Vital signs are to be monitored as indicated in the transfer orders, not less frequently than every 15 minutes.
- Y-injection incompatibility; the following will precipitate with Amiodarone Hydrochloride:
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  2. Sodium Bicarbonate
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