Medication Formulary

**Generic Name:** Nitroprusside (Sodium Nitroprusside)

**Brand Name:** Nitropresside

**Class:** Vasodilator, antihypertensive.

**Actions:** Direct vasodilating effect on peripheral veins & arteries, increasing venous capacity and decreasing blood pressure.

**Onset:** Immediate

**Duration:** 2 minutes from discontinuing infusion.

**Indications:** Hypertensive crisis, cardiogenic shock, CHF.

**Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity, and decreased cerebral perfusion.

**Side Effects:** Headache, vertigo, palpitations, dyspnea, hypotension, tachycardia, nausea & vomiting.

**Interactions:** Other antihypertensives.

**Administration Routes:** IV, IO

**Notes:** Monitor vitals every 2-3 minutes. Bag and tubing must be wrapped in aluminum foil.